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## Pope Receives Leo's Present

Millions of Dollars Saved Up By Predecessor Now Handed to Plus X.

Reported Finding of a Hidden Hoard in the Vatican Apartments.

Interesting Statement Concerning the Present Revenues of the Holy See.

Rome, Dec. 19.—According to the Tribune, the Vatican had suddenly wealth poured into its coffers yesterday. For some time sums which were known to be possessed by Pope Leo were looked for without result, the search toward the end being somewhat feverish. Cardinal Gotti, prefect of the propaganda, accompanied by one of the late Pope's secretaries, drove to the Vatican today, and getting out hurriedly began tugging at a heavy object in the carriage. Assistance was offered, but it was firmly refused, and the two carried the mysterious object to the apartments of Pope Pius. Intense curiosity was aroused by the action, as it was believed to have some relation to the missing wealth. It soon became known, however, that the bag contained \$8,000,000 in bank notes. When Cardinal Gotti entered the presence of the Pope, he sank to his knees and pointing to his burden, said: "Your holiness, the lamented Leo, just before his death, confided to me the money which I now lay at your feet, saying that if I succeeded in finding it, I would hand it over to you. I have found it, but I was to turn it over to him after a period of four months had elapsed. This I now do in the presence of Mr. Marzulli, who has been the only other person to share the secret."

The Pope was much affected. The Tribune goes on to relate that just about the time this scene was being enacted in the papal apartments, an electrician employed by the Vatican, in the late Pope Leo's chamber in order to get at the electric light wires, found in a hole in the wall several bags carefully hidden. These bags when opened were found to contain \$8,500,000 in gold.

The Associated Press is authorized to announce that the truth about the present Pope, immediately after his accession to the throne received \$8,400,000 as indicated in part of the late Pope's will, which was not made public. The delivery of the money was effected by Cardinals Gotti, Ruffini and Cremonesi, Pope Leo's executors, who brought the large part of the bonds from the propaganda, where they were kept.

The financial condition of the Pope was somewhat satisfactory, and enables the Pope to pre-empt. When the temporal power fell, Pius IX., partly because he was generous and partly because he sincerely thought the occupation of Rome would not last long, maintained the salaries of all the clerical officers and soldiers who did not take service under the Italian government, which represented a great outlay for years. Recently pensioning off the army of the Vatican amounts to about \$1,400,000. It is further denied that Pope Leo spent less money than when he assumed the tiara. At the death of Pope Pius IX., the amount of the disposal of the holy see did not reach \$8,000,000. Pope Leo might have left much more if several financial interests, undertaken with the object of permanently placing the pontiff in a position in which he would not be dependent upon the charity of subscribers known as "Peter's pence," which have been one of the chief resources of the holy see, have gradually diminished, especially after the abolition of the papacy, as in France.

A priest of one of the most aristocratic French parishes, while in quest of Peter's pence, used to call regularly on a devout lady and receive \$400 from her. After the papal adhesion to the republic the priest paid his annual visit to the lady, who said, "Ah, yes, it is now my duty to assist the holy father." Thereupon the lady gave the priest \$4. Noticing his look of stupefaction, she retorted, "The pontiff is now the friend of the republicans. They will help him." In a result church here, one of the most fashionable in Rome, it has been difficult to collect \$20 for Peter's pence. Such a situation rendered it necessary to use the capital of the holy see, which is the part of Pope Pius, who has ordered that the strictest economy be observed.

**BEETHOVEN'S RESIDENCE.**  
Vienna, Dec. 19.—The project of the preservation intact of Beethoven's death chamber and other rooms of his home, which was about to be demolished for the building of a new structure, has been abandoned owing to structural difficulties. The Beethoven committee, the Duchess of Marlborough, Lord Napier and others proposed to incorporate the rooms into a museum to be erected on the site of Beethoven's residence.

**PROPOSED RUSSIAN LOAN.**  
London, Dec. 19.—The Rothschilds have heard nothing of any suggestion that Russia will attempt to raise a loan of \$125,000,000 or any other amount, in Great Britain, and they declare that the report is palpably unfounded. Russia, they say, could not raise a loan here, and, judging from the latest advice from Paris, it would probably be equally difficult for Russia to raise money in France. The Associated Press is informed from others that even where a Russian loan issued elsewhere, there is little likelihood of any portion of it being underwritten in London.

**SAN DOMINGO TROUBLES.**  
Land Lines Cut and Many are Joining the New Rebellion.  
San Domingo, Thursday, Dec. 17.—News from the interior is unobtainable here. The land lines have been cut. General Pimentel has raised a force against the provisional government of Haiti, near this city. The situation is becoming complicated and the presence of warships is desirable. Arrests are being made and many persons have left their homes to join the rebels. The city otherwise is quiet. The provisional government is taking all the precautions possible.

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## STEEL MAKERS COMBINE.

London, Dec. 19.—A conference of the Scotch steel makers, which resulted in an agreement whereby ship plates, boiler plates and angles branded as iron will be sold at fixed rates, 60 cents to \$1.25 above the present quotations. The present ruinous competition is thereby ended.

## MRS. SCHNEER'S WILL.

London, Dec. 19.—The English will of Mrs. Mary Schmeer, the benefactress of Pittsburgh, Pa., who died here in November, was filed today. It leaves all the property to her children. The value of the estate is \$4,300,000. Andrew Carnegie and other executors of will are given \$5,000 each.

## ILLINOIS CENTRAL WRECK.

St. Louis, Dec. 19.—The New Orleans Limited passenger train, on the Illinois Central, which left here at 8:40 o'clock last night, was wrecked near Church station, St. Clair county, Illinois. The fireman was killed and the engineer and several passengers were injured, but none seriously.

## SALES BOY SEAS.

Canard Line Reaches New York Glistening With Ice.

New York, Dec. 19.—The Canard line steamer Lucania, glistening with ice, arrived today from Liverpool and Queenstown, bringing 1,852 passengers and crew. The ship was met by the British ambassador at Washington, Miss Durand and Secretary White, secretary of the American embassy in London, were on board. The Lucania had had a rough passage through the ice, but encountered severe cold on approaching the coast, which coated her sides with ice. Lord Melgund, son of Lord Minto, Governor-General of Canada, arrived from Europe on the Lucania today.

## News Notes of Nanaimo City

**Ordination Services at St Paul's Tonight By Bishop Perrin.**

**The Athletic Club's Successful Concert Given Last Evening.**

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, B. C., Dec. 19.—Quite a string of indignant citizens appeared in the police court yesterday morning to demand the return of a dog which had been found in the city. The dog was a small, black and white, and was found in the city. The dog was a small, black and white, and was found in the city. The dog was a small, black and white, and was found in the city.

This evening the Athletic Club gave a concert in their own rooms to which ladies were admitted, this being one of the rare occasions upon which the club has been favored with a view of the quarters of the club. These, it may be remarked, consist of the old provincial court house and the hall where many an assize was held and where many a poor fellow received sentence in the case of a criminal exercise and merry smoking concert.

One of those rare events in British Columbia, an ordination service takes place tomorrow morning at St. Paul's, when Bishop Perrin will admit Mr. G. Arthur Bagshaw to the diaconate. Mr. Bagshaw is a lay member of St. Philip's, Cedar, and comes of clerical stock, his father being an English rector.

A Liberal Association has been formed at Nanaimo with the following officers: President, James Lowry; vice-president, J. H. Plummer; secretary, Dec. 19, J. H. Plummer; treasurer, Robt. Craig. Mr. Craig was elected delegate to the convention at Nanaimo.

## ASSAULT ON NORDAU.

Paris, Dec. 19.—About midnight tonight a miserably clad man fired two shots from a revolver at Max Nordau, vice-president of the Congress of Zionists, at a Zion hall at the Salla Charas. One of the shots grazed Nordau, while the second wounded a guest. The man who fired the shot was immediately arrested. He said he was a Russian, that his name was Oshin Selik Louban, that he was 23 years old, a revolutionist and had been chosen by him to shoot Nordau.

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Berlin, Dec. 19.—It is semi-officially announced that M. Demerik, consul-general of Russia at Beryout, and Mr. Muller, of the Austrian Foreign Office, were recently appointed chief assessors to supervise the carrying out of the reform schemes of the powers in Macedonia, and proceed to Constantinople before the end of December to receive instructions, and that from there they will go to Monastir.

## Hornets Fall At Nanaimo

Senior Rugby Football Match Results in Great Triumph For Vancouver Team.

By Score of Nineteen to Nothing Terminal City Boys Win Championship.

Donaldson of Vancouver in the Intermediate Game Sustains Fractured Leg.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, Dec. 19.—Vancouver outclassed and defeated the Hornets to-day—two goals and three tries, nineteen points, to nil. The home team lacked practice. Vancouver played like a machine, the backs doing beautiful work. Nanaimo forwards gained ground repeatedly by clever dribbling, but the opposing backs never let them through.

In the Vancouver team Ross, both the Marples and Worsnop played a good game. Tait converted two tries from difficult points. The Killeens, Snowdens and Dobson did good work for Nanaimo.

Vancouver won the toss. They rushed the ball into Nanaimo territory, where it was cleverly stopped by Marehall. Nanaimo dribbled, invading the Vancouver end. A series of five-yard scrums made things look dangerous for the visitors, but the ball passed with machine-like precision and carried the game clear back to the home end. The ball was dropped and Dempster score from a line-out. Not converted.

Nanaimo, favored by dribbling and scrimming, relieved the situation. Marpole stopped a rush with a splendid run and recovered lost ground. Nanaimo conceded a touchdown. Another pretty combination by the visiting backs, brought a try for the home team. The ball was dropped and Dempster score from a line-out. Not converted.

In the second half the superiority of the visitors' backs became more and more apparent. The home defence was quite inadequate, but the home forwards, who were fighting a losing game, rallied again and again, dribbling in splendid style, they broke the Vancouver end time after time only to be swept back by that terrible line of backs. Early in this half the game was forced into home twenty-five. From a five-yard scrum Jenkins scored. Tait converted. Very short chances. Eddie Marpole showing a sudden gleam of his old form, got the ball, but Vancouver and him marked. Worship took the sphere and going through opponents like a locomotive scored. Tait again converted with a beautiful kick. Nanaimo rallied. Dobson, Snowden, Killeen making a splendid rush, for once looked like scoring. Scrum followed about on the line. Vancouver relieved again. Nanaimo forcing the ball, fighting very much of the way and forcing Vancouver to touch down. 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## News of the Army and Navy

**Capt. Fraser R. N. Hoists His  
Flag on the New Flagship  
For the Pacific.**

**Cruiser Squadron Sets Sail And  
Will Remain Abroad Until  
April.**

From Our Own Correspondent.

London, Dec. 4.—At Devonport yesterday Captain Robert Gordon Fraser hoisted his pennant on H. M. S. Bonaventure and commissioned her with a crew of 22 officers and 293 men, drawn from Portsmouth and Plymouth. After the usual commissioning and gunnery trials the cruiser will proceed direct to Panama, where she will be joined by the rest of the squadron. The commissioning ceremony was held on the 19th inst. at 10 a.m. The Bonaventure will reach her station, where she will exchange one or two officers and some men with the rest of the squadron. By the time that she reaches Esquimaux she will have covered 13,300 miles.

Long before these lines are in print some of the artillery changes will have taken place. No. 58 Company, which now garrisons the forts of Esquimaux is a smart company by all accounts and has the advantage of being well officered. It made good, big gun practice at Halifax this year.

The cruiser squadron, under the command of Rear Admiral Willmot H. Fawkes, K. C. V. O., left Plymouth yesterday en voyage to the West Indies via Lisbon, where it will be during the visit of the King of Spain to the United States. The West Indies, where it will co-operate with the North America and West Indies squadron under the command of vice Admiral Sir A. L. Douglas, K. C. B., for the winter manoeuvres in the Caribbean sea. The cruiser squadron consists of the first-class cruisers Good Hope (flagship), Captain C. E. Madden, M. V. O., in which Mr. Joseph Chamberlain made his celebrated colonial tour; Kent, Captain D. A. Gamble, and Donington, Captain C. D. Sturdee, M. V. O. Before leaving the Tagus for the West Indies the squadron will be joined by the first-class cruisers Berwick and Monmouth, which are to be commissioned for the purpose next week. The squadron will carry out the manoeuvres at Las Palmas for six or seven days.

Much amusement has been caused in naval circles by the suggestion from the United States papers that the United States North Atlantic squadron and the British squadrons should engage in a friendly contest against each other or else mixed up and divided into an attacking and defending force. Not much. The cruise of the Bonaventure and the British squadrons should engage in a friendly contest against each other or else mixed up and divided into an attacking and defending force. Not much. The cruise of the Bonaventure and the British squadrons should engage in a friendly contest against each other or else mixed up and divided into an attacking and defending force. Not much.

## GREAT ACTIVITY AT ROSSLAND

**Ore Shipments From the Camp  
Shows a Steady In-  
crease.**

Rossland, Dec. 19.—Marked activity in mining was displayed during the past few days. The advent of snow placed the transportation of ore on the shipping list, while the Le Roi mine increased its output. Details of shipping are: Le Roi, 6,120 tons; Centre, 1,170; War Eagle, 1,110; Le Roi No. 2, 540; Le Roi No. 2 (milled), 350; Jubo, 150; Kootenay, 150; Spitzee, 20; I. X. L. (milled), 100. Total, 9,690. Year to date, 395,295 tons. A total tonnage of over four hundred thousand for the year is now absolutely assured. Le Roi No. 2 received returns from concentrates shipped to Northport. The figures are not divulged, but result was described as: "What we expected and quite satisfactory."

A sixty-ton consignment of Wilfely and Elmore concentrates was sent to Trail for experimental purposes, and a similar shipment will be sent to Greenbrook. The output of the mine of concentration in shipments to date is eleven or twelve tons crude ore to one ton of concentrates.

The Red Mountain railroad has forty men laying tracks on a spur to the Bear mine. Part of the equipment for the new headworks are to hand, and the balance is expected daily. The mine commences shipments shortly after the first of the year.

The lessees of the I. X. L. mine are operating steadily. Two machines are employed and the mill is running continuously.

## ATTACK ON NOIRDAU.

It has been learned that Louban, one of the Zionist leaders, has been in the acquisition of Palestine, and that he and his co-conspirators at Bern were antagonistic to the plan advocated by M. Nordan and others to establish the new Zion in Africa. M. Nordan was standing at a window in the hall room talking to a friend when he was shot, and owes his life to a man who was noticing Louban point the revolver and prevented him from taking accurate aim.

## AN ESQUIMAULT ENTERTAINMENT.

Concert and Comedietta to be Given at Masonic Hall Tomorrow.

Tomorrow night an entertainment which promises to be a very enjoyable one, is to be given at the Masonic hall at Esquimaux in aid of St. Joseph's R. C. church, Esquimaux. The concert which will be commenced at 8:30 p. m. is under the distinguished patronage of Rear Admiral Hickford, C. M. G., and Mrs. Hickford. The programme arranged for the entertainment will include a comedietta, which will be not the least among the attractive numbers to be given.

## SECRET ORDER TO ARMY.

German Emperor Expresses Himself Severely on Social Immorality.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—It is said that Emperor William has issued a secret order to the higher officers of the German army with regard to the recently published book of Lieut. Risse, "The Little Garrison." The contents of the order have occasioned much excitement in the army and already caused a number of officers to resign. While the text of the order has not been revealed it is asserted that Emperor William expressed himself with unusual severity on the social immorality alleged to exist in army circles. Extraordinary precautions have been taken to prevent the order becoming public, each copy being carefully guarded.

**TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.**  
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

## Recommends Revision.

Paris, Dec. 20.—Positive announcements are made this morning by the Soleil and La Lanterne that Victor Mercier, one of the directors of the ministry of Justice and the reporter of the Dreyfus commission, has concluded his report, and that it recommends a revision of the case.

## CZAR'S BIRTHDAY.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—The Czar's birthday was celebrated with unusual brilliancy. The Te Deum in St. Isaac's cathedral was attended by the Czar and Czarina. Similar ceremonies were held throughout the empire.

## ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING.

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—A Somerset despatch says Louis Moulin, of Lourdes, shot himself accidentally while returning from Manitow with his father and brother. He died a few hours after the accident, which was caused by the discharge of his own gun while jumping in a rig.

## AMATEUR OARSMEN.

National Meeting to Take Place at St. Louis in July Next.

New York, Dec. 19.—The executive of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen, after hearing the report of the regatta committee, tonight decided to accept the invitation of the Southwestern Rowing Association and hold the annual regatta of the association at St. Louis about July 29, 1904, the positive date to be announced after a conference with the Canadian Amateur association to prevent conflict of dates.



PRINCESS ALICE OF SCHOENBURG-WALDENBURG.

## PRINCESS ALICE.

Princess Alice, of Schoenburg-Waldenburg, who, it was reported had eloped with her coachman, has sued for a divorce from her husband, Prince Frederick Ernest of Schoenburg-Waldenburg, who she says circulated the report.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—Several relatives of Prince Frederick of Schoenburg-Waldenburg were examined yesterday in camera by the court at Dresden in the divorce proceedings brought against him by the Princess Alice, his wife. The Princess says she will come from Italy in the latter half of January to testify under a guarantee that the hearing will be private. The Princess will not amend the proceedings in any case. The Princess Alice of Schoenburg-Waldenburg was reported about a month ago to have eloped with her coachman. The story was subsequently emphatically denied from several sources. She is the daughter of Don Carlos, the pretender to the Spanish throne.

## COLOMBIANS START NORTH.

Troops Reported to Have Left Gulf of Darien in Gunboat.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The United States Navy department has received a cablegram from Admiral Glass at Panama, to the effect that, according to a report which has just reached him from the small force of Colombian troops which has been discovered at the mouth of the Atrato river, had sailed to the northward in a Colombian gunboat. Admiral Glass has not been able to verify the report.

## LIPTON IS READY TO CHALLENGE

At Presentation Banquet Announced Willingness For Another Trial.

London, Dec. 19.—Sir Thomas Lipton announced his readiness to again challenge for the America's cup when the silver service, subscribed for by the people of the United States was presented to him at a dinner at the Hyde Park hotel last night. The dinner was attended by members of the House of Commons, the members of the London presentation committee, including John R. Carter, second secretary of the United States embassy; Captain Charles H. Stickton, United States naval attaché, and Major John R. Hickcom, United States military attaché, and by nearly a hundred American residents in London, as well as several who are now visiting here.

## THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office, Victoria, Dec. 19.—8 p. m. SYNOPSIS.

The storm area mentioned yesterday now covers the coast from Vancouver Island to California, where it is causing a southerly gale, and rain has also been general from this to California, while in Eastern Oregon it is falling. The weather is mild throughout this province, and is becoming so in the Territories.

## TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	42	49
New Westminster	42	49
Kamloops	24	38
Barkerville	18	38
Yavon	10	2
Calgary	10	2
Winnipeg	12	40
Portland, Ore.	40	54
San Francisco	50	54

## FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time) Sunday.

Victoria and Vicinity: Easterly or southerly winds, unsettled and mild with rain.

Lower Mainland: Easterly or southerly winds, unsettled with rain.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.  
Report for 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Observations taken daily at 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m.

## SATURDAY, DEC. 19.

5 a. m. .... 45 Mean ..... 49  
Noon ..... 47 Highest ..... 49  
5 p. m. .... 47 Lowest ..... 42

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a. m. .... 24 miles southeast.  
Noon ..... 8 miles southeast.  
5 p. m. .... 4 miles southeast.  
Average state of weather—Cloudy.  
Rain—11 inch.  
Sunshine—12 minutes.  
Barometer at noon—Observed ..... 29.642  
5 p. m. .... 29.621  
NEW WESTMINSTER.  
Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected ..... 29.74

## Bradstreet's Trade Review

**Weekly Survey of the Business  
Interests of the Broad  
Dominion.**

**All Pacific Coast Points Give In-  
dications of Healthy  
Progress.**

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Bradstreet's trade review says: Wholesale trade at Montreal has been more active this week. Not only is there a larger movement in holiday goods, but domestic and staple cotton fabrics are in active demand, the recent smart advances having stimulated sales. Orders for the spring generally are larger, there is a good demand for money and rates are steady.

At Toronto orders are coming to hand in the wholesale trade on quite a liberal scale for the current demands of trade as well as for future requirements. The holiday trade, except in the costly lines, is active and quite equal to the last year. Trade through the money market is much more active, and payments are expected to show good improvement after the first of the year. At Quebec the fine weather has had a good effect on general trade, particularly in the lines of retail business, who accept the invitation of the Southwestern Rowing Association and hold the annual regatta of the association at St. Louis about July 29, 1904, the positive date to be announced after a conference with the Canadian Amateur association to prevent conflict of dates.

The wholesale trade at Hamilton, as reported to Bradstreet's, has been kept busy with the holiday demands, which has been very active. Spring orders are numerous, especially for domestic staple dry goods. Values are very firm.

At London this week the wholesale trade has shown a good deal of activity. The conditions of retail business through the country are satisfactory. Stocks carried are not excessive and the sorting demand continues good. The outlook for spring business is promising. There is great activity in the holiday trade at Pacific Coast points. Sales have been large in Vancouver, Victoria and others points, and as they have added handsomely to the cash business, payments to the wholesale trade show an improvement. The orders booked for the spring so far will average with previous years.

A good deal of grain is now moving in Manitoba, and trade, as shown by Bradstreet's reports, is quite active, the demand in wholesale trade circles at Winnipeg being large. The conditions of trade are sound, and the buying has been on a conservative scale, although it is larger than in previous years.

Wholesale business at Ottawa continues active. The very firm tone of the market has improved the demand for many lines of goods for forward shipment.

## BIG FIRE IN TENNESSEE.

Elizabethton, Tenn., Dec. 19.—Several stores, the Elk Park hotel, powerhouse and other hotels were destroyed by fire at Elk Park, N. C., today. Loss, \$150,000.

## PREPARING WITH UTMOST ENERGY

**Japanese Making Every Prepara-  
tion For the Eventuality  
of War**

Paris, Dec. 20.—A private letter received here from a leading diplomatic official in Japan, says that while there are continued hopes of peace, the government is making final preparations for the eventuality of war. Preparations in the various branches of the army and navy are proceeding with the utmost energy. The whole military is being placed in readiness for an aggressive campaign against Russia.

London, Dec. 19.—The correspondent of the Times at Shanghai says that a native paper asserted that China is determined to follow Japan and open Manchuria to foreign trade, and insist that Russia fulfill its extradition convention. The statement is confirmed by the correspondents, but it is significant of the many Chinese officials.

## AMERICA NEEDS MONEY.

Proposal to Float Russian Loan in United States Not Encouraged.

New York, Dec. 19.—The report in circulation to the effect that Russia was about to open negotiations with a view to securing a loan in New York was not credited in financial circles here, because it was said that the Russian government made similar overtures unsuccessfully about six months ago.

A few days ago it was reported that the Japanese government conferred with New York bankers respecting a loan, making no secret of the fact that the money, if secured, might be used for war purposes. The negotiations also were unsuccessful.

International bankers here are substantially unanimous in the opinion that eliminating all other circumstances, domestic financial needs make any sort of a foreign loan impracticable at this time.

## THE ROYAL CAFE

25c.—DINNER.—25c.

From 5:30 to 8 p. m.

SOUP—Scotch Barley Broth; Oyster Soup, Fish—Boiled Salmon with Melted Butter, Fried Skate, Fried Cod.

BOILED—Scotch Haggis.

ENTREES—Cock a' Leekie, Scotch Collops; Sweetbreads Maitre d'Hotel; Chicken Patties, Pear Fritters.

ROASTS—Turkey Stuffed and Cranberry Sauce; Leg Lamb and Mint Sauce; Sirloin of Beef—Well Done.

VEGETABLES—Boiled Potatoes; Artichokes and Cream Sauce.

## BORN.

STONSTROM—In Victoria on December 13th, the wife of V. Luvater Stonstrom of a son.

HOLT—On the 18th inst., the wife of Gilbert S. Holt, of twins, a son and a daughter.

YOUNG—At Revelstoke, on Wednesday, December 16th, the wife of F. Young, of a son.

## MARRIED.

PEEL—WOODALL—At Christ Church, Vancouver, on July 3rd, by Rev. H. L. Roy, Stanley Gibbons, fourth son of Capt. and Mrs. Peel, New Westminster, B. C., to Lyla Wells, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Woodall, Sydney, C. B. (Sydney papers please copy.)

CARR—TUNROSS—At the Methodist Parsonage at Revelstoke, on Wednesday, December 16th, by Rev. C. Ladner, William G. Carr, to Miss Hilda C. Tunross, both of Revelstoke.

## DIED.

GILES—At the residence of her sister, Mrs. G. Meade, New Westminster, on the 18th inst., Edith, beloved wife of George F. Giles, of Shawinigan Falls, aged 61 years, and a native of England. The funeral will take place on Sunday at 3 p. m., from the residence of W. B. Hall, 54 King's road, and later from St. John's church.

Friends please accept this intimation.

TWAY—At the residence of Mr. Perkins, Glenfield Avenue, Lake District, on the 18th inst., John Tway, a native of Jersey, Channel Islands, aged 77 years. The funeral will take place from the residence of Mrs. Tway, No. 130 Port street, on Monday morning, Dec. 21st, at 10:30 o'clock.

Friends please accept this intimation.

IRVINE—In this city on the 17th instant, Robert Irvine, a native of Victoria, B. C., aged 32 years.

The funeral will take place from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Co., on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

## EVERLASTING FLOWERS

In great variety at Stewart's Grange and Marble Works.

Corner Yates and Blanchard Street.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

LOST—Pocketbook containing \$15.00 in bills; also papers bearing owner's name and address. Please return to J. Stuart, 14 Niagara St. Reward.

TO LET—Rooms, single, en suite or house-keeping. Burns House.

MARRIAGE DIRECTORY—Free to all. Day when married. New plan, section, no money. For particulars address H. A. Horton, Dept. 348, Tekonsha, Mich.

EMPLOYMENT OFFICE—Established since 1894. Wanted reliable servants for good situations. 54 Port street.

STRAYED—To Mr. Pooley's house on Esquimaux road, an English setter bitch. Finder may have same by proving property and paying for this advertisement. Apply Mr. Pooley, Esquimaux road.

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY of the Congregational Church, hold a fancy fair in the church schoolroom on Tuesday afternoon next. They will have a beautifully decorated stall of articles suitable for Christmas presents, etc. Tea and cake served afternoon and evening. Admission free.

FOR SALE—Good violin and case, guaranteed, perfect order. Cost \$25. Accept \$15 if sold this week. P. O. Box 642, Victoria.

WANTED—Reliable men, \$60 per month and expenses \$2.50 per day, to reliable men in every locality introducing our goods, taking up show cards on trees, fences, along roads, and all conspicuous places; and growing men and women, capable men; no experience needed. Write at once for particulars. The Empire Medicine Co., London, Ont.

WANTED—A reliable man to work with garden and chickens at Christmas. Wages \$20 and board. Dyne, Saturna Island.

FOR SALE—First class club rooms, beautifully furnished, in city of Seattle, 13 rooms, including dining rooms and kitchen, fully equipped; billiard and pool tables, card and reading rooms; has a large and growing membership. It will require about \$4,000 to handle this proposition. Terms might be arranged. A splendid opportunity for one or two gentlemen. Particulars 460 Arcade Building, Seattle.

FOR SALE—Four full-sized lots fronting on Esquimaux road, 50 per cent below cost. (Just out of the ground.) \$1200. A. Williams & Co., 104 Yates street.

FOR SALE—Fresh, calves, polled cow. Good milk and gentle. H. Cogan, Sooke road.

DANCING TAUGHT—Clog, song and dance, buck and wing, Irish jig, and jig, ball room. Fifteen years experience. Prof. Burton, 90 Douglas street. Tel. A391.

\$40 REWARD—I will add \$20 to the reward of \$20 offered by Mr. Burton for evidence leading to conviction of party who stole holly trees from his grounds. If such evidence convicts also, party who has stolen apple trees from Stadacona. No doubt the thief is one and the same person. C. T. Dupont.

FOR SALE—Five and one-half acres, A1 soil, cleared and fenced, 3 miles from city. \$1,000. 5 acres, small house, 3/4 miles from city. \$1250. 220 acres good level land, fronting on water, 9 miles from city. \$2,750. 10 acres, 7 cleared, 3 miles from city. \$1700. 150 acres, excellent buildings, \$6,200. 28 acres with stock buildings and furniture. \$2,750. 200 acres, 200 cleared, \$20,000. 50 acres uncleared, \$900. In total business, \$1900. A. Williams & Co., Ltd., 104 Yates St.

LOST—A black and white English setter dog. Finder please return to No. 1 Dunsmuir road, or 40 Government St.

FOR SALE—Good mare, express wagon and harness. W. Jones, Auctioneer, 58 Broad street.

LADIES' KID GLOVES, 75c., were \$1; Ladies' and Children's Skirts, Aprons and Hosiery, 50c. per pair; Navy Serge best for Suits, 50c. F. Hewartson, 429 Douglas street.

TO THE ELECTORS OF SOUTH WAIR.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman at the forthcoming election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

B. S. ODDY.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

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TO THE ELECTORS:

At the request of a number of the Ratepayers, I desire to stand for the above Ward, and respectfully request your support.

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Children's Coats

White Bearskin Coats, with white Silk Ties, ages 1 to 6 years \$3.25 to \$7

Colored Coats for children in Blue, Cardinal and Terra Cotta, nicely trimmed, ages 2 to 6 years \$3 to \$3.50

Children's Dresses

Dainty Little Dresses for boys and girls, in Navy Blue Serge, trimmed with white braid and outtings, ages 2 to 5 years \$1.90 to \$3.50

Priestley's Black

Dress Goods, Corkscrew suiting, a dress length, of which would make a very useful gift. Regular value \$2.25 \$1.65

Children's Boas

Children's White Lamb's Wool Boas, MONDAY 25c, 35c & 45c

Ladies' Fur Collars

Ladies' Electric Seal Collars, with four tails, MONDAY \$2.00

Fur Ruffs

Ladies' Sable Dye Coon Ruffs with long hairs, very full collar, MONDAY \$4.25

Fur Ruffs

Ladies' Black Opposum Neck Ruffs, MONDAY extra large—just received, \$5.50

MILLINERY GIFTS FOR MONDAY

Tams

Children's All Wool Tams, all colors, Regular value 75c. MONDAY 50c

Misses' Hats

Misses' Ready-to-Wear Flop Hats, Regular value, \$3.75 to \$4.75, MONDAY \$2.50

Ladies' Hats

Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Hats, all this season's styles. Regular value \$4.00 to \$6.00, MONDAY \$2.75

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## Manauense Lost Off Japan Coast

Well Known Steamer Grounded and Has Since Been Broken Up.

Steamer Amur of C. P. R. is Overdue With 55 Passengers From Skagway.

Steamer Manauense has been lost off the coast of Japan. After many vicissitudes and flying many flags, and in many owners' hands, since her arrival at Victoria, the old Manauense has been totally wrecked on the coast of Japan after leaving Hakodate with a cargo of sulphur for San Francisco, for which port it is understood to have been consigned to the Victoria Chemical works. She is a wreck near Muroran, the coaling port on the northern coast of Japan, where she called for bunker coal. On Thursday, after grounding, she began to break up, and the ship and her cargo of sulphur are a total loss. Information received by the Merchant's Exchange is that the steamer sailed from Hakodate with a cargo of sulphur on Friday of last week and grounded on Tuesday—news to that effect appearing in the Colonist on the following day. Now later advices received from Capt. Cunningham of the Manauense are to the effect that she has been totally lost and breaking to pieces off the Japanese coast. Details of the disaster are still lacking.

The Manauense has been the text of column after column in the newspapers of the Pacific coast since she arrived here with a cargo of whistles and Englishmen who were bound to the Klonike during the rust of 1887. An expedition was formed in England and the Manauense started for Victoria—a cargo consigned to local merchants being brought—and from this port the steamer was to have continued to St. Michael, and with light draught stern-wheelers, send her gold-seekers up the Yukon to the Klonike. But the plans went awry, and there were law suits. Then the Manauense ran to St. Michael and after a short time came to Victoria for repairs, which her owners would not pay for, and she was libeled. At that stage her master absconded, and after some negotiations she was sold and taken to San Francisco by her new owners, who had chartered her—great is politics in the United States—to the U. S. government. The steamer was taken for a transport, being too old and too small, but great is politics in that country, and the United States government paid \$150 a day to a syndicate until they had more than bought the vessel for her use. Her boilers leaked and she proved unsatisfactory, and there were enquiries, scandals and whitewashing at San Francisco. Then she was chartered by a transportation company and again ran to Alaska, changing hands several times.

About two years ago she was bought by Capt. E. E. Calne of Seattle, and associates, and they sought an American register for her—and joined the British register—but they failed to secure one. Then when it seemed that the United States would purchase the Danish West Indies she was one of the number of British vessels which U. S. owners had registered at St. Thomas.

D. W. L., in the hope of securing a U. S. register when the islands were secured. But the islands for this port, as recorded, she flew the Danish flag at the time she struck the Japanese coast and ended her career. She was sold to the Northeastern Siberian Company, a Russian concern formed to work some mining properties secured from Russia in Siberia, and in which some stock was held in the United States, and was in the hands of this company when lost. She sailed from Seattle in September on her last voyage, and arrived at Cape Nome in October. She went thence to Siberia and took a cargo of salmon to Hakodate where she loaded 2,000 tons of sulphur and was bringing that to San Francisco and Victoria when lost.

### AMUR IS OVERDUE.

Left Skagway Over a Week Ago For This Port.

Steamer Amur, Capt. McCoskrie, which left Skagway a week ago yesterday with 55 passengers for this port, is overdue, and this morning the steamer Dumbo of the C. P. R. will probably be despatched North—at least it was so reported last night—to search for the overdue steamer. The steamer Dumbo, which reached Skagway yesterday morning from Seattle, did not sight the overdue steamer during her voyage north. A dispatch received here yesterday morning from Skagway gave the news, or rather lack of news. The Dumbo reported that she had experienced fine weather and had seen nothing of the Amur, which goes to show that the steamer is all probability off the beaten track. She had to call at Port Simpson on her way down, and it may be that she has been held at that port because of mishap to her machinery. The telegraph wires are not working to Port Simpson, and it cannot be learned whether she has arrived there. The steamer Akl, too, the freight steamer of the Pacific Coast S. S. Co., is also overdue, being three days behind her time last night, and it may be that one or the other, either the Amur or the Akl, has broken down and one is standing by the other. But which is the "lame duck" there is no news to tell. The weather was dirty when the Amur left the Lynn canal port, and snowstorms are known to have prevailed since she sailed, but, with experience and careful navigators as those on the Amur, it is thought that she has been delayed by grounding. The general belief is that some mishap has befallen her machinery and she is lying in one of the bays of the Northern coast helpless as a result of the mishap.

### KHYBER ARRIVES.

Her Captain Will Have a Dinner at Cost of Rival.

The British ship Khyber was towed to Chemunus yesterday from sea after a fast passage from San Francisco, for the report that she was to land on the Sound was welcome in error. The Khyber sailed from San Francisco in company with the British ship Crown of Denmark, and on sailing it was agreed between the masters of both vessels that the Khyber would sail into Puget Sound and was to pay for a dinner for the other. The Khyber won the dinner, for the Crown of Denmark has not yet been reported.

### SUNK IN COLLISION.

Schooner Mary Buhne Ran Into by Steamer and Founders.

Advices have been received from Crescent City on the California coast, that the schooner Del Norte has arrived there and

reports having been in collision with the schooner Mary Buhne eight miles off Humboldt bar at noon on Friday. The Mary Buhne was sunk, but her crew was saved. One of the Del Norte's crew was drowned. The Mary Buhne left San Francisco for Eureka December 11th in ballast.

### MARINE NOTES.

Steamer Ascot, loaded with grain from Portland for Japan, passed on yesterday to Comox to load bunker coal. Steamer City of Puebla arrived yesterday afternoon from San Francisco. Steamer Umatilla will sail for the South tonight.

## Local News.

Yukon Travel.—Advices from Dawson are to the effect that passenger arrivals and departures for the year number 4,000; freight received, 40,000 tons. It has been struck in the Alek district, near White Horse.

Lecture Tonight.—R. H. Kneeshaw will speak in the A. O. U. W. hall this evening on "Twentieth Century Happenings, Religious and Political," for the freedom and spiritual development of the race. Admission free.

London Wanderers.—The next meeting and social of Ye Olde London Wanderers will be held at the Sir William Wallace hall on Wednesday next 23rd inst., 8 p. m. prompt. All members are requested to be present and visitors are invited. This will be the last meeting before the New Year.

Xmas Sale.—The Young People's Society of the Congregational church have arranged a very pleasing sale and entertainment for the afternoon and evening of Tuesday next at the church school-room. A feature of the affair will be the handsomely decorated stalls. Tea and cake will be served, both afternoon and evening.

Centennial Church Tree.—The annual Christmas treat for the children of the Centennial Methodist Sunday school is to be held in the school room of the church on Wednesday evening next. A mammoth Christmas tree has been provided which will be loaded with gifts for the little ones. A fine programme of music will be rendered and refreshments will be served.

Waiters' Union War.—Some time ago the officials of the Waiters' Union at Seattle notified the proprietor of the Hotel Butler that they wished him to employ all his help through them. He objected, stating that as he already paid higher wages than the union scale called for, he wanted the best irrespective of union or non-union. The existing help thereupon gave notice in a body to quit. Meanwhile the proprietor got an outfit from San Francisco, twenty-three in all, who have been staying at the Dominion Hotel here for the past five days, and on Friday evening they left for Seattle ready for business as soon as the late staff walked out.

Edison.—Notwithstanding the inclement weather, over 1,800 people packed the Edison theatre yesterday to see the last performances of the bill which was composed entirely of headliners. It is hard for the majority of the people in

Victoria to understand how the management of this popular little playhouse can afford to put such excellent attractions before the public for the price of admission charged, and this week's bill is even better than last. It is headed by the wonderful animated reproduction, "The Kingdom of Fairyland," which is an exact copy of the pantomime as produced at the Drury Lane theatre, London. This film is over 1,100 feet long, and will take thirty minutes to run it through each performance. Besides this there are several other notable features.

Hospital Ball.—The Women's Auxiliary of the Jubilee hospital have already commenced preparing for the annual ball, which is to be held on the evening of December 31st. Tickets may be obtained from the following ladies: Mesdames Roche, Griffiths, Courtney, P. Hanington, Madrin, James Anderson, Watkis, Langley, Langton, Gore, Hasell, R. Jones, the Misses Vernon, Dunsin, Newcombe, Hartnagle, Leiser, and Waldman, and Messrs. P. Spencer, W. York, P. Austen, Redfern, Hibben, Challoner & Mitchell, Fletcher and Victoria Book & Stationery Company. Fancy dress, canic and poudre is permissible, but not compulsory.

Drill Hall Concert.—The promenade concert at the Drill hall last evening was, as usual, well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. The band was in splendid form, the rendering of Suppe's "Pique" and "Poet and Peasant," and "Legion of the Koven's" "Highwayman" being especially admired. Johann Raff's "Pavane" from his symphony, "Leonora," was a charming number, and was well rendered. "Trotter's" "Asthore" makes a splendid solo for cornet, and was artistically rendered by Bandmaster Walter North. "Clippings," a medley selection arranged by Bandmaster Finn, introduced a host of popular melodies, and the closing number of an excellent programme. The game of basketball between the James Bay and Victoria West teams was a hotly contested one, and at times very exciting. Another choice programme is being prepared for next Saturday evening, when basketball will again be the extra attraction.

Interior Inspectors.—Mr. F. S. J. J. J., superintendent of provincial police, is in Vancouver, having returned from a trip of inspection of the gaols and lockups of the province. "I went as far east as Fernie and Morrissey on the Crow's nest Pass line," he said in an interview, "and found the lockups in two places in need of repair. New ones will probably be built. At Kamloops and Nelson the gaols are in first-class order. Throughout the whole of the interior there has been very little crime, and it is a good recommendation for a country in which are located many mining camps. There is a general air of prosperity along the Crow's Nest line, many new towns springing into existence and the old ones growing larger, owing to the activity in the lumber industry. A large mill is being constructed at Arrowhead and smaller ones wherever sufficient timber is available.

Jenkins.—Have you a typewriter at your office? Jinks—Yes, indeed! Jenkins—What style? Jinks—Oh, the very latest. You should see the new fall gowns she's wearing these days.—Philadelphia Ledger.

### SIDNEY PUBLIC SCHOOL.

A Successful Term Brought to a Close—Will Purchase a Library.

A goodly number of parents and visitors assembled in the school at Sidney at the public examination. After the examination oranges and candy were distributed. The financial report was read by Miss A. Currie, the teacher,

which showed a large balance in hand. Parents were asked for an opinion as to the best use which could be made of the funds, when it was unanimously decided to purchase a library.

Rev. T. H. Wright being called upon for an address felicitated teacher and pupils on the work of the term and hoped that the Christmas holidays would be enjoyed by all. Captain Riley, J. J. White and others spoke on the benefit which the pupils would derive from reading good books.

Teacher, pupils and other performers presented a bright and pretty sight last night at the closing exercises. The programme was carried out with evident enjoyment to all. From the seniors to the tiny little tots arrayed in their night robes, with dolls saying "good night" and rapidly vanishing from the platform, performed their parts with credit to themselves and the school. Mr. J. J. White played the accompaniment on the organ.

Rev. Dr. Reid moved a hearty vote of

thanks to Miss Curry, the performers and all who had provided such a pleasant evening which was seconded by Mr. Lewtas and carried with enthusiasm. The income of the evening was the sum of \$31.75.

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The Winnipeg mine or Wellington camp, well known in this city, especially through its connection with Richard Plewman, an old-time Rosslander, has been closed down through the serving of a writ by the Bank of Montreal on a demand note for over \$3,000. Altogether the mine owes some \$10,000.—Rossland World.

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## BEGINNING OF A BAD CAUSE.

Mr. Henri Bourassa, M. P., the other day addressed a large public meeting in Quebec City, on what should be his opinion of Canada's general policy. He strongly condemned Mr. Chamberlain's policy of fiscal federation and indeed any alternative policy of Imperial unification, to affect Canada, and called upon all French Canadians to support him in these views. He thus practically made a bid for the leadership of a Canada Separatist party, largely French and therefore based on the misuse of race distinctions as found in our Dominion.

Mr. Bourassa loudly asserted, contrary to fact, that Canada would lose much of her national liberty and gain little, by further connection with the Mother Country and other parts of the Empire, whilst he seems to have wholly omitted to note the material and other benefits to accrue to Canada, as to all other British subjects by their partaking of the advantages of an almost world wide system of mutual trade preference, as also by retaining the great advantage, in these days of travel and change of home and residence, of the assured maintenance for Canadians of the present rights of common imperial citizenship.

Further stating facts only to be almost the next day corrected in this respect by Mr. W. P. Parker, the President of the Canadian Club of Toronto, Mr. Bourassa declared that that important body of very representative Ontario men of business and publicists was even more opposed than himself to a policy of Imperial preference, the very contrary being the case with the Club.

The member for Labelle has thus made a very bad beginning of a deplorable cause, the success of which wholly depends on the creation of a dangerous racial discussion amongst our own people. The mischief which Mr. Bourassa may do by this propaganda on which he has now entered, may be only too far reaching, unless checked as he certainly should be by some emphatic warning from one who is still supposed to be his nominal leader, Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

We sincerely trust that our Dominion Premier will rise to the occasion and by words and acts of statesmanship do his utmost to prevent any large further development of a movement which tends not only towards Imperial disintegration, but also to similar national disintegration.

The best and wisest amongst us, desire that we in Canada, although of various races, shall continue one strong self-governing people under the flag and the tutelage of the greatest Empire which the world has ever seen. Thus united we are of the strong and yearly growing stronger, divided as Mr. Bourassa would have us, we should fall easy prey indeed to any foreign foe.

Mr. Bourassa declined, as it should be noted, to declare himself a Separatist, but the whole tenor of a long and pessimistic address emphatically declared him such.

## EXCELLENT POLICY.

It is said that one very practical result of Lord Milner's recent visit to England may be a decision on the part of the British War Office, to make South Africa practically part of the home establishment and train raw English recruits in the brazen air of the veldt. Another good purpose would thus be served, in preparing those who were in due course found physically suitable for a term of regimental service in India, for which experience of the South African climate is in part a preparation.

An excellent scheme seemingly, alike for British South Africa and for the Empire, especially as the adoption of such a policy would add another substantial guarantee of the continuance of peaceful British rule, at and beyond the Cape. We therefore hope that news recently sent from England to the above effect, will shortly be found completely justified by facts.

The Hon. George E. Foster's brief campaign in England, on behalf of Mr. Chamberlain's policy was one of equally remarkable energy and versatility. He made twenty speeches in thirty days, all on the same theme, but so well varied in detail and in style, that there was some thing new and suggestive to be found even in the very latest of the addresses.

A representative of the Melbourne Age, according to a London cable, the other day elicited from General Manager Reynolds of the Pacific cable the reason why the Board has seemingly failed to manage the cable with commercial success and on business lines entirely. Mr. Reynolds said that as the Board of Trustees consisted of a number of governments not managers of commercial undertakings, it was unable to do things that private companies could. The necessity of maintaining the dignity of the governments made them cautious where a private company would meet the wishes of its clients. This really absurd obstacle should surely be easily capable of elimination. Just as the various governments interested in the cable, manage to commit the details of the management of their respective post-

offices, with very general success, to managements which work on business lines, so should they without much greater difficulty be able to adopt a like policy in regard to the management of the cable which their countries jointly own. The board should be really an advisory body leaving details to specialists, and we should imagine that those upon it, who are of the type of Sir Sandford Fleming, and by the bye one of its originalators, are quite prepared for cable administration on business lines. This, indeed, a recent open letter of his to the press of Canada clearly indicated.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

## PLEA FOR TRAMWAY MEN.

Sir,—At this time of the year when mostly everybody is looking forward to grand old Christmas, let us not forget the tramway men. Can't the people follow the example of the E. & N. Railway Co., and cancel all car service on Xmas day, and thus give the car men a rest once a year?

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 19, 1903.

## ASSESSMENT ACT.

Sir,—In our report of the meeting of the Board of Trade last night, it is stated that I seconded the resolution of Mr. Carter. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Cairns, and I spoke in support of it, though your necessarily condensed report hardly gives the impression that I desired to convey in my argument. Most of the provisions which have been criticized in the present Assessment Act are either adopted from the last Act or are the logical development of principles contained in that Act.

It is true that the trader is not now permitted to deduct from the assessed value of his stock the portion of the purchase money still owing to the vendor, but, to counterbalance this, he is allowed to deduct from his assessment, debts owing to him equal to one half the value of his stock whereas under the old Act all debts owing to him had to be included.

It would certainly appear that under the present Act money on deposit is subject to 1 per cent personal property tax which, at the customary rate of 3 per cent interest, amounts to 33 per cent of the income, but such deposits were liable to personal property tax under the old Act.

It is quite true that assessments of stocks at any fixed date will not tax all traders equally and that it is not practically possible to tax each trader on his maximum stock of the year or on his average stock, and that it will hamper trade if merchants cease purchasing in order to have small stocks at the time of assessment.

This objection can, however, be taken to the old Act as well as the present one. It is evident that a tax on the gross value of the merchant's stock will press more severely on merchandise showing a low percentage of profit than on merchandise showing a high percentage, and that this is a hardship on a class of trade which there is no reason to discourage. This is as true of the provisions in the old Act as of those in the present Act. There would be no difficulty in further illustrating this position.

If personal property tax on deposits and securities is made too serious a burden, it can be avoided by their removal from the present Act, and it is not to be denied, but it would be going too far to say that the trade of the province is going to be crippled because an Assessment Act is in force, the provisions of which will impose a new burden on the merchant. History shows that commerce can adapt itself to almost any conditions. I don't think that the commercial community ever realized what was involved in the principles of the old Assessment Act, until it was brought home to them by the increased taxation and more stringent clauses of the present Act, and we can hardly wonder, therefore, if neither the old nor the new legislative assembly imagined that the trade of the province could be adversely affected by the logical development of principles already law and accepted without protest.

J. J. STALLCROSS.

## ASSESSMENT ACT.

Sir,—In answer to the remarks regarding the action of the Victoria, British Columbia, Board of Trade, on the Assessment Act as contained in your article on the 15th inst. I am directed to say that in preparing figures for the last year, the Board dealt with the actual amounts that would have been paid according to assessment as made under the old Act.

In dealing with the illustration of a merchant carrying \$300,000 in stock and book accounts on a capital of \$75,000, you claim that under the old Act he should have paid half per cent on \$225,000, or a tax of \$1,125, as against \$2,025 under the new Act. In doing so the board believes that you unintentionally lose sight of the fact that personal property under the old Act was not only stock, but also book accounts. The exemption provides that any just debt incurred in the accumulation of this personal property can be deducted. The board therefore, claims that under the old Act, the merchant would have paid a tax of \$1,125, as against \$2,025 under the new Act. In doing so the board believes that you unintentionally lose sight of the fact that personal property under the old Act was not only stock, but also book accounts. The exemption provides that any just debt incurred in the accumulation of this personal property can be deducted. The board therefore, claims that under the old Act, the merchant would have paid a tax of \$1,125, as against \$2,025 under the new Act.

The figures prepared show, in the opinion of the board, that a very heavy burden is being placed upon trade and commerce generally throughout the province, and calculated to have a very injurious effect, not only on those already in business, but in keeping out intending investors. A careful examination of the percentages of taxes paid under the new Act by merchants in trade, as against others with the same amount of income, or capital, must convince anyone that a merchant will pay a much larger proportion of taxes than is his fair share.

In conclusion, I am directed to say that while the board considers it necessary to make this explanation, it has no intention of going into controversy over the matter. The board of the Victoria Board of Trade is not a political body, and the protest made against the passage of the new Assessment Act has not been made with any desire to embarrass the government, and any denunciations from the board that waited on the government was composed of both Conservatives and Liberals.

F. ELAVORTHY, Secretary.

Victoria, Dec. 18th, 1903.

## PROVINCIAL PRESS.

On Tuesday evening the employees of the C. P. R. tendered a farewell sacker to A. H. Kendall, late foreman in the C. P. R. shops who, with Mrs. Kendall, are leaving the city to reside in the East permanently. During the evening Mr. Kendall was the recipient of a handsome silver service from his fellow workers as a token of respect, while his last words were read by Mr. T. Wadman, secretary of the Mechanics' union, on behalf of the employees.—Revelstoke Herald.

H. Dunnell, who has been in Nelson for the past six weeks giving instruction to teachers and scholars in brush drawing, clay modelling, etc., left yesterday for Victoria, where he will spend the holidays. During the next six weeks or two months he will, under the orders of the provincial department of education, look after those who are engaged in brush drawing, modelling, and carpentry in the public schools in Vancouver and Victoria. It is his intention to visit Rossland some time in February, where considerable interest is taken in his work. Mr. Dunnell expressed himself as pleased with the way the teachers, school directors and the public of Nelson interested themselves in what he is introducing. Before he left, Mr. Dunnell presented with a handsome carving set by the pupils and teachers of the schools who

have taken part in the course of instruction he has given. His work was greatly appreciated by all who attended the session, and it is hoped that another course will be taken in the spring.—Nelson News.

At the hospital this morning, Ed Cannell, one of the best known old timers in the Interior, passed away at the age of 85 years. He had been in the hospital about five weeks. Mr. Cannell came to B. C. in 1882 and was in Chilliwack for only a few days. Afterwards he kept the Alexandria hotel at the suspension bridge near Spuzzum. At a later date he came to Kamloops and kept the Dominion hotel during C. P. R. construction, selling out about 1888 to Mrs. Nelson.—Kamloops Sentinel.

Quietly, but effectually, Manager Zwickey has developed the Haster during the past year, until today it is the big mine of Mc-Gulgan Basin, and one of the best in the Shocan camp. Large ore bodies have been encountered at frequent intervals in the course of development, and these have demonstrated the immense richness of the ledge. It has shipped 2,500 tons of ore the past year, and is in shape to double that amount during 1904.—Denver Ledger.

The local pig-skin chasers are hard at practice and promise to give a good fight for the league trophy. It is to be regretted that two of their best players are about to absent themselves for the old country. Unless substitutes can be secured at an early date the team will be somewhat handicapped. We are confident, nevertheless, that the "Triangles" will put forth notes of victory.—Chilliwack Progress.

## From The Colonist of 1858.

Saturday, December 18, 1858.

The people are preparing for more representation, a renewal of the property qualification of representatives, and a new house of assembly, and an extension of the elective franchise. They are awakened to a lively sense of the wants of the colony and demand the immediate establishment of self-government. Noting will satisfy them until the whole and sole control over the local affairs of the colony. When that is inaugurated, then the Augean stables will be cleaned.

The Beaver sailed for Langley on Sunday and has not yet returned.

Report says that Whatcom is to be raffled over here and moored somewhere on Wharf street, if the bottom is fit for anchorage.

Hibben & Co., Mr. Herre and Mr. Potter, of Freeman's Express, will please accept our thanks for full files of papers.

The Santa Cruz arrived on Thursday from Langley and arrived with 520 passengers. Great suffering has been experienced by the miners. Gold dust was plentiful among the miners. Provisions high and scarce at the river.

Transports of the government are to establish a hospital in British Columbia. It is stated that Miss Conits has offered the sum of 15,000 pounds sterling towards the establishment of a hospital of the Church of England in British Columbia.

The steamer Cortez carries down to San Francisco nearly 200 passengers and 45,500 dollars, gold dust.

Advertisements—Webster & Co. will supply the merchants with all the new street (Chon House, or to the Washington restaurant to get your "roast beef and plum pudding" or Christmas Day. Kandler & Co. will furnish the wines to make it all merry.

Some statisticians have figured that there are 300,000 Smiths in the United States. Three thousand are employed by the United States government, and 19 Smiths die every day. In New York alone there are 120,000. Including the Smythes, the Schmidts, Shandlers and other variations, the family is roughly estimated to comprise 1,000,000 in the United States of America.

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A DARK CLOUD AND ITS SILVER LINING.

In the minister's morning sermon he told of the dark faith.

And how beneficent the wrath of God rested on earth and air; And how, of His will and pleasure, all souls save a chosen few, Were doomed to eternal torture, and held in the way thereof.

Yet never, by Faith's unreason, a saintlier soul was born.

And never the harsh old lesson a tenderer heart belied, And after the painful service, on that pleasant, bright spring day, He walked with his little daughter through the apple bloom of May.

Sweet in the fresh green meadows sparrow and blackbird sang.

Above him his little petals the blossoming orchard hung.

Around, on the wonderful glory, the minister looked and smiled.

"How good is the Lord, who gives us these gifts from His hand, my child."

"Behold in the bloom of the apple, and the violets in the snow, A hint of the old best beauty of the garden of the Lord."

Then up spake the little maiden, treading on snow and pink,

"Oh father! these pretty blossoms are very wicked, I think."

"Had there been no Garden of Eden, there never had been a fall."

And if never a tree had blossomed, God would have loved us all."

"Hush, child," the father answered, "By His decree man fell."

His ways are in clouds and darkness, but He doeth all things well."

"And whether by His ordaining to us cometh good or ill,

Joy or pain, or light or shadow, we must fear and love Him still."

"Oh, I fear Him!" said the daughter, "and I try to love Him, too; But I wish He were kind and gentle—kind and loving as you."

The minister groaned in spirit, as the tremulous lips of pain,

And wide, wet eyes uplifted, questioned his own in vain.

Bowing his head, he pondered the words of his little one,

Had he erred in his life-long teachings? And wrong to his Master done?

To what grim and dreadful idol had he lent the holiest name?

Did his own heart, loving and human, the God of his worship shame?

And lo! from the bloom and greenness, from the tender skies above,

And the face of his little daughter, he read a lesson of love.

No more as the cloudy terror of Sinai's mount of law,

But as Christ in the Syrian hills the vision of God he saw.

And as when in the clefts of Horeb, of old was His presence known,

The dread fearful glory was infinite goodness alone.

Thenceforth his hearers noted in his prayers a tender strain,

And never the measure of hatred burned on his lips again.

And the seething tongue was prayerful, and the blinded eyes found sight,

And thus, as faint afooting, grew soft in his arm of light.

—J. G. WILKIE.

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Hair Brushes, 75c., \$1.25, \$1.50, to \$3.50. Mirrors, \$1.50, \$2.00 to \$4.00.

Cloth Brushes, 75c. to \$1.50 to \$3.00. Military Brushes, \$1.75 to \$6.00.

Hat Brushes, Puff Boxes, Shoe Horns, Tooth Brushes, etc.

## Toilet Sets

In Ebony, Staghorn, Ivory, \$4.50, \$5.50 to \$12.00. Manicure Sets, \$1.50 to \$6.00. Traveling Cases, \$1.00 to \$15.00. Shaving Sets, \$1.50 to \$3.00. Baby Sets, 60c., \$1.50, \$3.00.

## Chocolates and Bon Bons

Lowney's, Cadbury's, Webb's and Ganong's. Plain and fancy packages, 10c., 15c. up to \$2.00.

## Mirrors, Mirrors

Tripartite, 75c. to \$4.50. Magnifying, \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.25. Ebony Mirrors, Staghorn Mirrors, Hand Glasses, etc., \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$8.50, \$9.00, \$9.50, \$10.00, \$10.50, \$11.00, \$11.50, \$12.00, \$12.50, \$13.00, \$13.50, \$14.00, \$14.50, \$15.00, \$15.50, \$16.00, \$16.50, \$17.00, \$17.50, \$18.00, \$18.50, \$19.00, \$19.50, \$20.00, \$20.50, \$21.00, \$21.50, \$22.00, \$22.50, \$23.00, \$23.50, \$24.00, \$24.50, \$25.00, \$25.50, \$26.00, \$26.50, \$27.00, \$27.50, \$28.00, \$28.50, \$29.00, \$29.50, \$30.00, \$30.50, \$31.00, \$31.50, \$32.00, \$32.50, \$33.00, \$33.50, \$34.00, \$34.50, \$35.00, \$35.50, \$36.00, \$36.50, \$37.00, \$37.50, \$38.00, \$38.50, \$39.00, \$39.50, \$40.00, \$40.50, \$41.00, \$41.50, \$42.00, \$42.50, \$43.00, \$43.50, \$44.00, \$44.50, \$45.00, \$45.50, \$46.00, \$46.50, \$47.00, \$47.50, \$48.00, \$48.50, \$49.00, \$49.50, \$50.00, \$50.50, \$51.00, \$51.50, \$52.00, \$52.50, \$53.00, \$53.50, \$54.00, 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## Local News.

**Increases Reward.**—C. T. Dupont gives notice that he will add \$20 to the reward of \$20 offered by Mr. Burton for evidence leading to conviction of party who stole holly trees from his grounds. If evidence convicts also party who has stolen spruce trees from St. James. No doubt the thief is one and the same person, says Mr. Dupont.

**Christmas Excursions.**—During the Christmas and New Year holidays the C. P. R. company will run a number of excursions between this city and Vancouver and the Terminal City and Victoria. The rate charged will be three dollars for the round fare, and tickets will be good until January 3rd. The excursion dates will be December 23rd, 24th, 26th and 31st.

**Did Big Business.**—To a late hour yesterday evening the streets of the city were crowded with a merry throng of Xmas shoppers, and all evening the stores were crowded with eager purchasers, the merchants reporting business as very good. It is believed that trade generally this holiday season will be quite as good as that of any former year if not better.

**Holly Wanted.**—The Daughters of Pitt will be grateful to any friends who will send to the hospital a little holly, ivy and evergreen early next week for purposes of decoration. They will be glad to receive contributions towards the various Christmas trees they furnish to each ward, and will be especially grateful for cut flowers on Christmas eve. Any such contributions may be sent direct to the hospital, care of Miss Leiser, president Daughters of Pitt.

**A Chinatown Squabble.**—As a result of a row over a scavenging business in Chinatown one, Long Fook, was the victim of an assault in the early morning a few days ago. He was met on Government street, in the Chinese section, by three Chinese, who set upon him and beat him. He afterwards swore out a summons against the three, Lee Tway, Lee Yook and Lee Dim, each of whom will appear before the police magistrate on Monday, charged with aggravated assault on Long Fook.

**The Police Court.**—In the Police court yesterday morning before Magistrate Hall, Peter Weben was convicted on the charge of assaulting a Chinese named Wong yee. He met the Chinese on Store street, where the Mongolian was staggering along under the weight of two baskets slung from a pole. He stopped the Chinaman and, taking the pole from him, struck him, breaking his arm. Another Chinaman came to the assistance, was also assaulted. On the charge of assaulting Wong Coy, Weben was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment. On the second charge he was sentenced to six months, and both sentences will run concurrently.

**Damages Awarded.**—In the County court yesterday morning the case of the Victoria Transfer Company vs. the Victoria & Sidney Railway Company, was completed, and a judgment given. The case was arising out of the killing of a draft horse belonging to the plaintiff company. It was urged that the defendant were responsible owing to the cattle guard over which the animal crossed being defective. The jury in the case brought in a verdict in accordance with this, and the plaintiff company was awarded damages to the extent of \$250. The claim was for \$300. On Monday court will be resumed, presided over by the Chief Justice, the next case to be called being Minor vs. the B. C. Electric Company. This also is a jury trial, the plaintiff claiming \$1,000 for the killing of a dog.

**Regimental Order.**—In a regimental order issued yesterday by Lieut.-Colonel Hall, commanding the Fifth Regiment, notice is given that: "The following man, having been attested, will be taken on the strength from the date hereafter mentioned, and will assume the regimental number opposite his name: No. 25, Gr. Frederick Chubb, 16,1243. The adjutant will attend at the Drill hall on Tuesday evening, 22nd inst., for the purpose of passing recruits who are efficient into their respective companies. Officers commanding companies will parade at office on Wednesday, the 6th January, those men who were absent from the regimental parade of Tuesday last, the 15th, without furnishing an excuse. After Tuesday, the 22nd, all drills will be discontinued until January 11th, 1904, when each company will parade on their respective drill nights. Next drill will be held on Wednesday, January 6th, 1904."

**The Navy League.**—At the annual meeting of the Vancouver branch of the Navy League the following officers were chosen: President, Sir C. H. Tupper, vice-president, Rev. H. C. Friesen, Clinton; committee, Colonel Park Warren, William Skeene, Hon. Charles Wilson, K. C., Oswald Mosley, Gavan Cross, Thomas Wilson, H. Harris, sen., G. A. Boulton, W. M. Murray, secretary-treasurer, Captain C. Eddie. The secretary-treasurer's report stated that the head office sent the warrant for the incorporation of a local branch. The report continues: "I am pleased to say that, notwithstanding adverse circumstances, we close the year with a very satisfactory membership, and although we have not been able to follow the good example set by the Victoria branch, in offering prizes for essays on naval subjects by school children of the province, we may be able to do so in the future. Next time we have more than held our own, which is something accomplished."

**"The Frisky Mrs. Johnson."**—Theatre-going friends are in for a great treat tomorrow evening in the appearance at the Victoria of Florence Roberts and company. Clyde Fitch, the author of "The Frisky Mrs. Johnson," the new society drama, which will be presented tomorrow evening, is one of the most prolific and versatile of American dramatists, and has a number of successes now being played on the English and American stages. Although clever on all subjects, he is particularly so in the delineation of female character, whether in the drawingroom or kitchen. "The Frisky Mrs. Johnson" is one of his best efforts, and tells the story of a noble woman willing to sacrifice her own happiness and social position to save her sister from disgrace and scandal. The scenes are laid in Paris during a carnival, and the dialogue is bright and witty. Miss Roberts and her company have scored in the play. Miss Roberts' engagement is for three nights, with a change of play at each performance.

**Tide Tables.**—Copies of the tide tables for 1904, issued by the department of marine and fisheries, may be had from the local agent on application.

**For South Ward.**—In a published card, B. S. Oddy, the well-known real estate agent, announces himself as a candidate for alderman for South Ward at the approaching municipal elections.

**Instituting Lodge.**—B. P. Dierker, W. P. Allan, S. L. Redgrave, H. Webber and W. Van Rheim yesterday evening, at Crofton, instituted a new Knights of Pythias lodge.

**Funerals Today.**—This afternoon at 3.15 the funeral of the late Mrs. Giles, whose death occurred in New Westminster on Friday, will take place from the residence of W. B. Hall, 54 King's road.

**Peele-Woodill.**—Announcement is made of the marriage of Stanley Gibbons Peele, fourth son of Capt. and Mrs. Peele, of New Westminster, and Lyle Wells Woodill, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Woodill, of Sidney, C. B.

**New Laundry.**—Another addition to Victoria's growing list of industries will be the opening of a new laundry tomorrow morning, the Crystal Laundry, situated at 85 View street. Only white labor is to be employed. The downtown office will be located at 105 Government street.

**The Society of Friends.**—The Society of Friends will hold their regular services at Harmony hall, on View street, at 11 a.m.; Sabbath school at 10 a.m. Gospel services at 7 p.m., conducted by C. Frank, a Quaker evangelist, of Los Angeles, California.

**Machinist Injured.**—R. T. Bainbridge was painfully injured at the navy yard yesterday while operating a steam lathe. He was knocked over in some manner by the machine and stunned. He was immediately taken to the Naval hospital for treatment, and is reported today to be considerably better.

**Struck Rich Ore.**—A good strike has been made in the Richard III. mine at Mount Sicker. Advices from the mine state that a large body of ore has been struck at the five hundred foot level, which carries rich values in gold, silver and copper. The miners at work on the property are jubilant as a result of the find. Several of the Victorian have given high values in assays made. It is expected that the mine will ship soon.

**Metochosin School.**—The closing exercises of the Metochosin school for the Christmas holidays were held on Friday, Miss M. Goldson, the teacher, is deserving of great credit for the splendid progress the children have made since she has had charge of the school. A Christmas tree was provided for the children, at which a choice programme of songs, recitations and musical selections was rendered.

**For the Holidays.**—For the Christmas and New Year's holidays the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company have arranged excursion rates between all points on their line, tickets on sale from Thursday, December 24th, to Sunday, January 3rd, good to return not later than Monday, January 4th. Following their usual custom, there will be no trains operated on Christmas Day, a double service, however, being run on Thursday, 24th inst., trains leaving on same time as Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday trains.

**Friendly Help.**—The rooms of the Friendly Help Association in the Market hall will be opened on Monday and Tuesday to receive further contributions of money, food and clothing. In addition to those already acknowledged donations, money have been received from the following: McEwan's J. Dunsmuir, Thornton, Fell, W. Grant, C. Todd, the Bishop of Columbia and Miss Perrin, Hon. Senator Templeman, Hon. Mr. Justice Drake, Messrs. A. C. Flumme, W. F. Fennie and E. A. Paul, Esq., and from the Kingston street school.

**Rev. Mr. Vichert's Absence.**—Rev. J. F. Vichert is not leaving the city permanently as would be inferred from yesterday's announcement, but only for a period of four months. He has obtained leave of absence from his church for that time, and will attend lectures in the theological department of McMaster University, Toronto. During his absence the pulpit of Calvary church will be supplied by Rev. W. C. King, until recently pastor of Jackson Avenue Baptist church, Vancouver. Mr. Vichert leaves tomorrow evening via the Great Northern and will return in May to resume his work in connection with Calvary church.

**New Feature.**—The Colonist this morning introduces a feature which it anticipates will be much appreciated—the reproduction of extracts from its early issues. Today the notes are taken from the British Colonist of December 19, 1858, and it is intended to continue the reproduction of such items each week until the date is reached when the Colonist was made a daily publication, when the extracts will appear daily. Nothing can so eloquently portray the march of progress and the tremendous advances which have been made on the Pacific coast than these "glances backward" at the old files of the Colonist.

**The Orpheum.**—This popular playhouse has provided a strong bill for Christmas week, headed by Zab Zain and Moura, Mexican knife throwers and illusionists. The latter will hold the audience spellbound while they perform some of the most thrilling and accurate knife-throwing, rivaling the Indian, who is considered the knife-thrower par excellence. Parrott, the tramp singer, will do some comic juggling, the Tylersons will duplicate Anna Eva Fay's famous cabinet act in the afternoon and some comedy in the evening. Mr. Jacobs, of Seattle, will sing one of the latest successes in illustrated songs, "Down in the Meadow Where the Green Grass Grows." There will also be new moving pictures.

**Gribble Island Mines.**—William Cox, of Vancouver, president of the Canadian American Mining Company, is of the opinion that another mine will shortly be shipped from Gribble Island. The first shipment of ore from the mine amounting to 25 tons, will be forwarded to the smelter at Ladysmith in a few days. He has every confidence that the ore is rich in gold, silver and copper. The Canadian-American Company has, Mr. Cox stated, already spent upwards of \$40,000 in development work, which includes a main tunnel over three hundred feet in length, and has many feet of drifts. He thinks that before next April the mine will be shipping fifty tons daily to the Tyee smelter.

**Valuable Relics.**—There has lately come into the possession of Mr. A. A. Aaronson a collection of antiquities, which those who have knowledge of such matters, state are worth many thousands of dollars. These objects are nothing more than what appear to be examples of pottery and other works of the Toltecs, the ancient people of Mexico. The collection is a most elaborate one, and includes unique examples of water coolers, mugs and vessels shaped on the lines of the Amphora of the Greeks and Romans. All bear evidence of extreme age, and must be extremely rare. In addition to the pottery there are examples of ancient basket work, and fabrics, both of the Toltec period and of the earlier times of the Spaniards in Mexico. The entire collection will be on view this week, and will doubtless attract a great deal of attention. It is seldom that so complete and valuable an exhibit of the works of the early inhabitants of this continent is seen outside the walls of the largest museums.

## RISK'S SPECIAL RESERVE SCOTCH WHISKEY

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**Siddal-Conves.**—An error was made in stating that Rev. Dr. Rowe officiated at the wedding of Mr. Edwin Siddall and Miss Blanche Conves, second daughter of the late Mr. A. C. Conves. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Cridge at the Reformed Episcopal church and he was assisted by Rev. H. J. Wood. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. J. Jones. Mr. John Siddall acted as groomsmen and the bride was attended by Miss Ethel Howe of Seattle, Miss Lily McTaggart, Miss Ida Owen of Vancouver and Miss Lehman.

**A Ghost Party.**—On Friday evening the first year students in arts of Victoria College entertained their teachers, fellow students and the High School Alumni Association. All present came as ghosts, clad in white. It was a very weird spectacle that the dimly lighted hall presented with its ghostly throng. A programme of ghostly numbers was presented. A ghost walk was the first item, the shade of Mendelssohn accompanying on the piano. George Elliot gave a recitation, and was followed by Longfellow with "The Famine." Jenny Lind sang a ghost song in a most acceptable manner, which was composed by her especially for the occasion. Mr. Walter Scott and Sarah Adams then gave recitations. Refreshments were served and games indulged in. All present had a most enjoyable time and much credit is due the freshmen for their successful affair. The following were in charge: Misses J. Mowat, J. Wallaston, N. Spencer, F. K. Pottinger and Messrs C. Rogers, F. Wood and J. Clearhine.

**P. R. Stewart & Co.** wholesale fruit merchants, have received a carload of fancy Northern Spy and Golden Russet apples grown and packed by the famous Coldstream Ranch, Vernon, B. C. Any person desirous of securing strictly fancy apples, should arrange to get some of this fruit.

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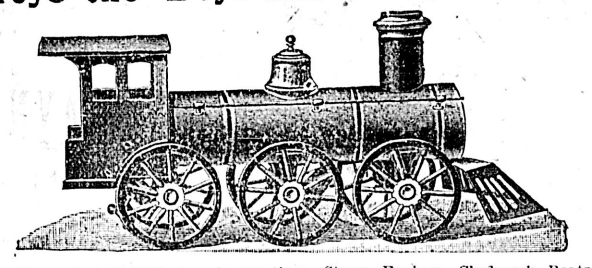
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## New Orchestra Commences Work

Large and Enthusiastic Turn-out at Practice Augurs Success.

Rehearsal Last Night at Waike's Hall Shows Unanimity of Amateurs.

The gentlemen composing the selection committee of the Amateur Orchestra Society, must have been highly delighted at the splendid response to the invitations sent out for the first general meeting and practice. About twenty-five instrumentalists were present and held after a short preliminary meeting a highly successful practice under the direction of Mr. Frank Watkins, the conductor.

Mr. T. R. Smith, the president, addressed those assembled and outlined the financial arrangements. He said that it was necessary for the complete success of the organization that all members should attend regularly and punctually, pay attention to the instructions of the conductor, who, he said, was well qualified for the position and whose able tuition alone was worth a great deal of consideration. Mr. Smith also stated that he hoped to see the organization made as permanent and as successful as the Arion Club, which alone of musical bodies in Victoria has stood the test of time and was as strong today as ever before.

To ensure the permanency of the society honorary members and subscribers would be, if possible, secured, and every endeavor made to make the society a lasting factor in musical circles in Victoria.

The practice night will be Thursdays after the New Year and the next practice will be duly announced.

Mr. Watkins followed by reading the list of players in the various parts and explained his position thoroughly.

Mr. E. Howard Russell, B. A., told of the keen pleasure it gave him to see the society started and complimented the members on securing Mr. Watkins as conductor. Mr. Watkins, he said, was thoroughly capable, having for many years conducted an orchestra at Wolverhampton, England, of 75 pieces.

The members then held a good rehearsal and from the work done last night there is no doubt that the first concert will be a success to be looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure.

the Mainland yesterday evening, where he has been on court business.

J. D. Pemberton was a passenger from the Mainland by the Chamer yesterday evening.

A. M. Jones and wife are back from a visit to the Mainland.

Mr. R. Whyte returned from Vancouver yesterday evening.

Earl McGowan came down from Vancouver last night.

Mrs. S. J. Hazen, Mount Sicker, R. G. Garmus, Genoa, B. C.; John Ashman, Texada Island; C. Haggerty, Kamloops; A. McEwan, Ashcroft; W. W. Walcott, Ladysmith; A. T. and D. R. Fraser, Osoyoos; J. S. Gordon, Vernon, and A. W. Adams, Toronto; W. S. Jones and wife, Winnipeg; Andrew Bruce, C. H. Davis and H. Caseman, Vancouver, are at the Dominion.

Capt. Eyre and son, of the steamship Titania, are in the city, registered at the Dominion.

Capt. J. W. Rogers and wife, of the steamship Victoria, is in the city, registered at the Dominion.

W. Tomlinson, teacher of the Crofton school, is here for the holidays. He is staying at the Dominion.

Capt. Watson and wife, of the steamship Westfield, are here, registered at the Dominion.

Mr. and Mrs. Dighton and Miss Mills, Cowichan; H. G. Firth, Mrs. L. A. Stokes, J. K. Henry and Geo. Sage, Vancouver; A. R. Shervood and H. Keeler, Nelson; J. S. Gordon, Vernon, and Lucy Barrow, Hill Island, are registered at the Vernon.

B. C. Robler, Spokane; W. Henderson, Lethbridge; A. Walker, N. M. Withers and Jos. Glum, Indian Head, are registered at the Driford.

Mrs. J. H. and Miss Whitmore, of Duncan, are in the city, registered at the Vernon.

Captain and Mrs. Gibson and E. M. and Mrs. Palmer, of Chemainus, are at the New England, having come down to meet Captain Gibson's son, who has come north to spend the Christmas holidays from the Oregon military college, where he is now being educated.

Miss R. N. Lawson, who has been gazetted to H. M. S. Grafton, arrived last night from England, and is staying at the New England hotel. Miss Lawson is accompanied by his wife and family.

## FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

New York, December 19.—A few stocks supplied all the interest in today's stock market. There was a continuance of the recent active speculation in Amalgamated Copper and United States Steel preferred. Opinions on the outlook in these two metal trades are inclined to react upon each other. There was a repetition of yesterday's attack on Rock Island and Pacific, and of the rumors of a coming general bond issue for which that attack was due. The markets were notably strong.

The foreign markets showed a revival of the fears of war between Russia and Japan. A rumor found circulation that Russia was seeking a war loan in Paris and that New York bankers had been approached to participate in the loan.

A continuance of any length of time as the recent course of United States foreign trade would offer a probability of some American investment in foreign government securities, but the question of the volume of demands for railroad borrowings waiting to be satisfied by the American money market is for prior decision. The bank statements showed an even greater accumulation of cash reserves than the forecasts had indicated, and the preparation of meeting the annual dividend and interest disbursement is plainly in progress. The loan contraction of over \$2,000,000 serves to broaden the surplus fund by decreasing the bonded total. The surplus thus being expanded to over \$14,000,000 comparing favorably with the corresponding period in recent years.

United States bonds were unchanged on call for the week.

New York, Dec. 19.—The following were the closing bids on the Stock Exchange today:

Atchafalpa, Topeka & Santa Fe	68 1/2
Atchafalpa, Topeka & Santa Fe pfd	92 1/2
Canadian Pacific Railway	119 1/2
Pennsylvania Railway	124 1/2
Chicago & Alton	72 1/2
Chicago & Alton pfd	69 1/2
C. C. & S. L.	77 1/2
Colorado Southern	14 1/2
Delaware & Hudson	105 1/2
Delaware Lackawanna & Western	20 1/2
Denver & Rio Grande	21 1/2
Denver & Rio Grande pfd	73 1/2
Erle Railway	30 1/2
Erle Railway pfd	68 1/2
Erle Railway 2nd pfd	51 1/2
Great Northern	160 1/2
Hocking Valley	72 1/2
Hocking Valley pfd	83 1/2
Illinois Central	123 1/2
Lake Erie & Western	28 1/2

Louisville & Nashville	100 1/2
Manhattan Elevated	141 1/2
Metropolitan Traction	121 1/2
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	13 1/2
Missouri, Kansas & Texas pfd	38 1/2
New Jersey Central	100 1/2
New York Central	110 1/2
Norfolk & Western	17 1/2
Philadelphia & Reading	42 1/2
Philadelphia & Reading 1st pfd	42 1/2
Philadelphia & Reading 2nd pfd	50 1/2
St. Louis Southwestern	120 1/2
St. Paul	141 1/2
Southern Railway	21 1/2
Southern Railway pfd	78 1/2
Texas & Pacific	24 1/2
Union Pacific	80 1/2
Union Pacific pfd	20 1/2
Wabash Railway	37 1/2
Wabash Railway pfd	37 1/2
Wisconsin Central	17 1/2
Rock Island	60 1/2
Rock Island pfd	22 1/2
United States Express Co.	10 1/2
United States Express Co. pfd	48 1/2
Amalgamated Copper	102 1/2
American & Foundry	102 1/2
American Lined Oil	20 1/2
American Smelting & Refining	49 1/2
American Smelting & Refining pfd	24 1/2
Ammonia Mining Co.	75 1/2
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	50 1/2
General Electric	105 1/2
National Discount	103 1/2
National Lead	12 1/2
North American	70 1/2
Pacific Mail	24 1/2
People's Gas	97 1/2
Pressed Steel pfd	67 1/2
Pullman Palace Car	217 1/2
American Sugar	120 1/2
United States Leather	37 1/2
United States Leather pfd	76 1/2
United States Rubber	10 1/2
United States Rubber pfd	39 1/2
United States Steel	50 1/2
United States Steel pfd	50 1/2
Western Union Telegraph Co.	79 1/2

Chicago, Dec. 19.—The following were the closing prices of futures on the Board of Trade today: Wheat, Dec. 80; old 80 1/2; May, 82 1/2; July, 77 1/2; Corn, Dec. 42 1/2; Jan. 42; May, 44 1/2; July, 44; Sept., 43 1/2; Oct., 43; Dec., 37 1/2; Jan., 35 1/2; May, 37 1/2; July, 34 1/2.

New York, Dec. 19.—Loans, steady; 60 and 90 days, 6 per cent; six months, 6 per cent to 5 1/2 per cent.

London, Dec. 19.—Consols for money, 88 1/2.

## Local Produce Market

Local dealers are offering hay and grain at the following prices on dock here:

Hay, 100 lbs. per ton	29 00
Hay, 80 lbs. per ton	14 00
Hay, Island, per ton	15 00
Wheat, per ton	30 00
Potatoes, per ton	15 00
Straw, per ton	10 00

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Ashburnham, Ont., April 18, 1903.—I think it is only right that I should tell you what a wonderful cure Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has produced. The day before Easter I was so distressed with a cold and cough that I did not think to be able to take any duties the next day, as my voice was almost choked by the cough. The same day I received an order from you for a bottle of your Cough Remedy. I at once procured a sample bottle, and took about three doses of the medicine. To my great relief the cough and cold had completely disappeared, and I was able to preach three times on Easter Day. I know that this rapid and effective cure was due to your Cough Remedy. I make this testimonial without solicitation, being thankful to have found such a God-sent remedy. Respectfully yours,

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not merely dependence upon fancy colored labels and packages that makes the window a gem of artistic window dressing, but the whole color scheme is evidently the work of a clever artist. Dried fruits, bottled fruits, fruits and natural, candies and candied fruits, and confections in fancy cartons, glass and tin; flowers in pots charmingly disposed here and there in the window-scapes of Christmas delicatessen and goodies, and the whole bit of fairyland illuminated brilliantly by electricity, that is what makes up a picture of a good time soon up. One window is occupied with a fine display of St. Augustine port.

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## Proceedings in The Will Case

Dr. Huntington's Cross-Examination Completed—He Refuses to Express Opinion.

Further Reading of San Francisco Commission Evidence Continued.

On resumption of the Supreme court proceedings in the case of Hopper vs. Dunsunier yesterday morning, E. P. Davis, K. C., said he thought the plaintiff's counsel should finish their case, and also stated that there had been ample time to hear from Mr. Hineman. E. V. Bodwell, K. C., stated that he had nothing to say. He had been unable to get any reply from Mr. Hineman, but he would like the defendant's counsel to put in that portion of the examination for discovery of James Dunsunier which was to be used and which was part of the plaintiff's case. When this is in the hands of the court, the case will be complete.

Dr. Huntington recalled for cross-examination by E. V. Bodwell, K. C., testified that the only account rendered for examination of Alexander Dunsunier, was rendered to Mrs. Wallace, and on being produced was identified by witnesses.

Dr. Sill's account for professional services was also placed in evidence. Witness stated that he would decline to reply to the hypothetical question asked by the plaintiff's counsel. Mr. Davis advised witness to reply. Witness explained that he could not put out of his mind his knowledge of Alexander Dunsunier's condition. Mr. Bodwell then asked Mr. Dunsunier's name from the question and substituted A. B. Witness replied that such a person might be of sound mind at intervals, but on January 8, 1900, when he died, he was not of sound mind or sane on the 21st of December.

Mr. Bodwell kept pressing the question, and the witness as persistently refused to pass an opinion. If he had found dementia on the 9th of January, witness did not think he could have been sane on the 21st of December. The conditions described do not necessarily disclose the fact that the supposed patient had profound alcoholic dementia. The question was propounded again, and the witness requested to pass an opinion whether or not such a man had profound alcoholic dementia. All the witness would say was that the symptoms were those of alcoholism. He absolutely refused to pass an opinion, being unable to exclude from his mind his knowledge of the case. He was unable to give an opinion partly on account of the question and partly from his personal acquaintance of the case. Witness stated that he was here to give expert opinion, but to testify to facts.

Re-directly examined witness stated that it would be important to know whether the patient had temporary or chronic Bright's disease. It was equally important to know if he saw visions during delirium tremens or saw them in his normal condition. Witness' opinion was that Alexander Dunsunier's recuperative power was enormous. Asked as to the play room, witness stated that Alexander Dunsunier told him that he had a brother up North who had children and the play room would come in for them to use as a play room. Referring to the dog mentioned yesterday, witness stated that he had seen the dog on Mrs. Wallace's bed and witness saw her throw a ball for the dog to play with.

Cross-examined Mr. Bodwell, K. C., witness stated that he had spoken on the subject of the play room for the dog since yesterday to Mr. Davis and to Mr. Lutton, and the only other person present was Mr. Lutton. Witness stated that if he said yesterday that he had

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## POST HOLE NOT PROPERLY COVERED

So Said Coroner's Jury in Inquest on Victim of Victoria West Tragedy.

A verdict of accidental death, with the rider to the effect that the jury found that the post holes in one of which John Kentfield, aged 11 years, came to his death, were not properly covered, and recommended that such holes be covered by pieces of timber not less than two inches thick by twelve inches wide and eight feet long, was returned by the coroner's jury summoned by the coroner, Dr. F. C. Hart, yesterday to enquire into the circumstances touching the death of the unfortunate boy who came to his death on Thursday by falling head first into an open post hole which had been made a month previously by the employees of the telephone company, and was not properly covered.

Mrs. Charliss Kentfield, the boy's step-mother, gave evidence that at 2:15 p. m. on Thursday she had sent the boy to Saunders' grocery and he did not return. Becoming alarmed, at 5:30 p. m. she reported the fact that the boy was missing. Sigurd Borcensen, a boy who knew him, gave evidence of seeing the Kentfield boy on the corner of Springfield avenue and Esquimaux road, several blocks from the scene of the accident, at 3:30 p. m. John A. Kentfield, the boy's father, testified that he returned to his home on Russell street at 5:30, and finding that the boy was missing, he reported to the police. He searched all night for the boy and came to the police station in the early morning. On his way back he searched the Indian reserve thoroughly and was going home when he found the boy in the post hole, his head downward in three feet of water, his feet sticking out. He pulled the dead boy from the hole, which was five feet deep and notified the police.

Dr. R. L. Fraser gave evidence of having performed a post mortem examination and found that the boy had come to his death by drowning. Constable J. A. Woods gave evidence that he had found the body alongside the hole where the father had left it, at 9:30 a. m. on Friday. The hole was five feet three and a half inches deep, twenty-six inches across and had three feet and one and a half inches of water in it. It had been made for a telephone post to be placed there by the telephone company's workmen. It was about eight feet from the sidewalk and was not covered. There were ten other similar holes in the neighborhood, all covered, although not very well. A child could fall through into some.

James Cummings, construction foreman for the telephone company, stated that the holes had been started on November 3rd and work had been done now and then since. Work had been stopped. He had directed the work and had been constant for seven days, during which time he had had no complaint or accident reported. The covers of these holes were usually made of convenient material. All the holes had been covered. Several times the covers had been taken off and he had replaced them.

John Tamblin, post-hole digger for the telephone company, said he had made the post holes at Victoria West two months ago. The hole in which the boy had fallen had been made for a month. He had covered it when completed with three boards one by six inches. He had seen it uncovered several times since and had recovered it.

James Shore, who lives in Victoria West, deposed that he had assessed the place where the holes had been made four or five times a day regularly. Some time ago he had reported the condition of the holes to Ald. Cameron, who had promised to have the police attend to them. He had seen the post holes uncovered several times since then. They were poorly covered and he had never seen this hole in which the boy fell properly covered. He had never reported to the telephone company as he did not know that the holes had been made by that company.

After hearing the evidence the jury returned a verdict of accidental death as above stated, with the rider that in the opinion of the jury the holes were not properly covered, and they would recommend that such holes be covered by timbers of not less than two inches by twelve inches and eight feet long.

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All kinds of pretty and useful articles are to be found in Messrs. Barber Brothers' establishment, near the corner of Yates on Government street. The firm make a specialty of just the sort of thing needed by the holiday shopper, and the prices are always right. The only difficulty is that there is such a bewildering variety of things that one would like, that the choice of the few that one can have is not easy.

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## LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS.

Missive Intended for Children's Friend Forwarded Care of the Colonist.

A youthful applicant for an exhibition of the generosity of Santa Claus, not knowing the gentleman's address has forwarded his letter to the Colonist to be forwarded to the old gentleman. It reads as follows:

Dear Santa Claus: I love you and I guess it will be Christmas soon. I see your picture in the paper 5 or 6 times. Now I hope you bring your children this Xmas and your wife, too, you have so far to come. You might not be here on Christmas, a good bye. Santa from greta alva carrie Baden and herbert.  
For Baden—please Santa bring me a weillbarrow and a slay to go on the snow and some bonbons and some candy and oranges. I want a drum and two drumsticks. I will love you if you bring me all that. Good Bye, dear Santa.  
For alva—please santa bring me a big doll and a little work box and a doll's so curt and oranges and bonbons and paints and a pretty stocking. Good bye, dear Santa.  
For carrie—please santa bring me a doll and a doll's duggie and some bonbons and candy and a set of dishes. Good bye Santa.  
Please Santa bring me a work box and a sleigh, little thimbles and a picture book and a game and some paints. Good bye, Santa.  
For Herbert—Please santa bring me a rubber doll and to rattles and some candy and some bonbons and a ball. Good bye, Santa.  
If you drink brandy try Martell's Three Star.

## never seen the dog, he misunderstood

the question, because he had seen the dog. In the interview yesterday with Mr. Davis, witness had referred to the playroom being built for James Dunsunier's children himself both before lunch and after court had adjourned.

Reading of commission evidence took up the balance of the morning session. The evidence read was that of Conrad Fink, one of the sub-contractors engaged in building the playroom. He testified that Alexander Dunsunier conducted all business matter witnesses had with him in a natural manner.

The court then adjourned until 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Psychic Research.—The Psychic Research Society will hold a spiritual lecture this evening at 8 o'clock in the Caledonia hall, Blanchard street. All are welcome.

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We have everything that is required for the young barman except the whiskers. Razors, \$1.00, \$1.75; Stropps, 60c.; Father Brushes, 25c. to 45c.; Shaving Mugs, 25c. to 60c.; Williams' Son's 10c. Other things, too, at R. A. Brown & Co's, 80 Douglas street.

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## Or How I Nearly Became a Hero.

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The changes of color of leaves in autumn are found by Dr. Keenan, an English investigator, to depend on the mineral matters, especially the silica and lime. Leaves that become red are those containing less than ten per cent silica, while those that become yellow or brown have more than ten per cent. The mineral matters seem to point to the dying leaf in quantity proportionate to the decay of its vitality, and these matters, therefore, sustains the vitality of the leaf to a degree not possible in England, where the autumn summer is rare.



**Sent down the**

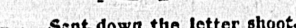
or a day and a night it was touch and go whether we were going under, so terrible was the sea and the heavy laden was the ship. It was an experience I shall always remember, for the squall came upon us as quick as a flash. From brilliant sunshine a darkness fell upon us like the blackest of nights. Tempestuous seas broke over us from all quarters, and for hours we expected funnel, masts, spars, and all deck gear to be hurled into the air.

The victory's ship was also delayed by the storm, and I succeeded in landing

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Plot was cleared with the bayonet.





# THE WEEK'S MINING

By H. M. L.

At the annual meeting, the other day, of the Associated Boards of Trade of the Kootenays, a resolution was discussed asking the Dominion government to encourage "by bonus or otherwise" the production of zinc in British Columbia. The matter was finally left for further consideration. The meeting, however, passed a resolution recommending the removal of the duty on oil of the character used in connection with the Elmore process.

Manufacturers in California are evidently adverse to a duty being again placed on coal imported into the United States. Harrison's last report states that a renewal of the import duty on naturally occurring coal from California, while also it would prove a serious drawback to San Francisco manufacturing interests. The market for steam coal is meanwhile growing, and it is to be expected that the Southern Pacific is purchasing coal, oil, and fuel purposes on locomotives, having not seemingly proved as satisfactory as was first anticipated. Harrison's report points out that the government of the United States might well afford to dispense with the relatively trifling addition to revenue gained by the former tax of 67 cents per ton on coal imports, in consideration of the trade advantages already shown to have been afforded since the remission of the duty came into effect.

Last month's returns from the Tyee Copper Company were again most creditable, the large sum of \$65,735, after deducting mining charges and sundry expenses for custom ore, having been realized on the treatment of 6,340 tons.

Dredging operations, which have been in steady progress at Tranquille creek, near Kamloops, have been suspended for several months past. It is said that very satisfactory returns were obtained, and work will be resumed in the spring.

It is certainly an ill wind that blows nobody good, and since the failure of the ill-fated Waverley, mine-operators have had the opportunity of buying very good machinery at a very economical price. Thus the Waverley plant, which by the way, was never even installed at that mine, has now been sold, and still it is in the same condition as when first turned out by the manufacturers. Some time ago the machinery was purchased by the owners of the Waverley mine, at Kamloops, before it was shipped to the island, the mine was acquired by American capitalists. Now, at length, it seems likely that the plant will find an ultimate destination for the last purchasers, the new Waverley mine, at Kamloops, mean business, and directly a few necessary alterations to meet local treatment requirements are completed, the machinery will be shipped to the Coal Hill mine and there installed.

A correspondent of the Inland Sentinel, thus briefly summarizes recent work in Cariboo: The year 1903, that is now rapidly drawing to a close, has seen many interesting developments in Cariboo. The hydraulic claims, extending to the heavy rains, had a long, and in many cases, a successful season. It is reported that the Thistle Company, of 8-mile lake, cleaned up between \$50,000 and \$75,000.

Other claims that did well were the Waverley, at Grouse creek, the First of May, where that veteran of miners, Jim Boyce, is an owner, and Lassell Company, on China and Cunningham creeks. It has not been such a good season for the deep diggers, which have been handicapped by too much water. The Point worked for about six weeks, during which some fine cleanups were reported. Laird, on the Willow river, is at present pumping, and while very little information is to be obtained of Slough creek the company is still in existence and still pegging away. The greatest activity in mining operations has been at the Bliven of England, or as it is now fashionably called, "La Fontaine." The company for the recovery of \$3,573, due in a demand note, and as there are practically no funds to meet this and other indebtedness amounting in the aggregate to about \$10,000, the property will probably be sold in the near future. This news is all the more disappointing, as mining operations were resumed a few weeks ago, and Mr. Plewman, the managing director, was very sanguine at the prospect of extricating the company from its difficulties, an exceptionally favorable melting rate on the ores having been obtained. The shareholders, however, must have given over all hope, for Mr. Plewman was quite unable to assist him in any way in his efforts to improve the company's position.

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## MORE STORIES OF WAR PATH

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Shortly after her arrival in Rangoon, Her Lord Dufferin kept his word and took a boat to the advance guardship of the Vice-regal flotilla of three, the Sir William Peel. On the night of my arrival in Rangoon I left by train for Drome, the terminus of the rail on the Ghatkote, where a company of blue-jackets, in case it was necessary to clear the banks of the river, if daemons should attempt to stop the steamer. Therefore there was a company of blue-jackets, in case it was necessary to clear the banks of the river, if daemons should attempt to stop the steamer. Therefore there was a company of blue-jackets, in case it was necessary to clear the banks of the river, if daemons should attempt to stop the steamer.

On the afternoon of the second day out we were rounding a sharp turn of the river a short distance from the temple city of Pegu, the city of pagodas, when Sir William Peel, the Vice-regal steamer, was in mid-stream. We at once reversed engines, but the paddles uselessly churned up the waters. We then threw out anchors and steadily steamed against them, but without avail. The unknown steamer, or had fairly started. There was not the slightest movement forward, only a perceptible lurch to starboard as the sand began to silt up with the strong swirl of the current. We signalled to the Vice-regal steamer, but she passed us that we were ashore and immediately the rear guardship was ordered to take up our post. Soon both steamers were lost to sight in the bend of the river and the coming night. I stood on deck dazed with the misfortune which had so suddenly befallen me. Here I was, after traveling straight from the Danube to the Irrawaddy for China to Peru was nothing of a journey to it—to be thwarted in this stupid manner just as I was about to start on my journey.

The captain, a genial, good-natured fellow, seeing my state of mind, said: "Villiers, you shall succeed. I am very sorry, and I will do all I can for you. Here take one of the boats. I will send you a crew. If you are well they will get you on board the Vice-regal ship before tomorrow morning."

For the moment I thought, as they say in America, that the available ship was "talking through his hat." But he told me that it was the custom on the Irrawaddy for all vessels to anchor at sundown; "so," said he, "you will have plenty of time if your crew pulls well. Give the niggers plenty of rupees and they will do the work of the boat."

The boat rattled down the daint lines; two rifles and a few rounds of ammunition were thrown in, in case of an attack by pirates, and we at last pushed off into the darkness, for the great river had turned from molten gold to russet and russet to purple, and was now a sullen lily lake.

I was making myself as comfortable as possible in the stern sheets, when presently my feet began to feel very cold and clammy, and I discovered very rising from the bottom of the boat. We tried to bale, but the water gained upon us rapidly. It was a case of foundering or at once getting back to the steamer.

"Give rupees!" I stupidly shouted, "if we get back before going to the bottom."

"The men seemed to mutter: 'No fear, sahib, we are all in the same boat,' and nudged me with their oars. The water was oozing over the gunwale as we touched the steamer. So near a shave was it that three of my crew saved us from being swamped by jumping clear and clinging to the ship's rigging. I found that the plug was out of the well of the boat, and in addition to this her ribs had warped, for she had been hanging up to the davits unused for months. She was simply a sieve."

"Well," said the captain, as I stepped on board, "this is so-badly Vellat, but you shall still succeed, Villiers. You shall have my gift. She is decidedly larger, and will take a larger crew. It's only a question of dollars."

"Oh, how the dollars let me have the crew, there's a good fellow," and in a few minutes I was pushing off once more.

The softer sex are always interesting, and sometimes beautiful. The women of Mandalay are unlike their Indian sisters; they are more the shape and color of the ladies of Japan. Like their deposed King, they smoke enormous cheroots about six inches long, at one end about an inch in circumference. This part they place in their mouths. I believe this is done to warm their lips into a pretty pouting expression, and with this simple process they thereby arrive at what Mrs. General with much greater trouble succeeded in doing with her pupils, in Dickens's novel of "Little Dorrit," where she asks them any before entering a drawing-room, "papa, potatoes, truffles, and prisms."

These ladies of Mandalay have a custom, not wholly peculiar to their country, of using an impalpable white powder, which they lodge on the surface of the face by means of a fluffy feathery instrument, one of which I found in the palace, used no doubt by the Queen's maid-of-honor. My lady friends in England, declaring that was a pretty conceit, declared that they would do it.

The women of Burmah are certainly, on the whole, the prettiest, smartest, and cleverest females of the Far East. They are smart enough to repair the ravages of time by the use of the hair and salve, such as "bloom of roses" and other mysteries used by their more Western sisters; and they are clever enough to know that no other costume but their own simple garb will suit their color and figure, and no better headgear can they sport than the flowers which they can freshly gather. All business transactions are conducted by the fairer sex in Burmah—at least, there is hardly a transaction in which money is concerned that the men do not consult them about.

While I was in Mandalay there were many dainties of a mild type. Dainties is a term used for any act of a violent nature against the powers that be, and even piracy, but it is not within its meaning. Any time between sunset and sunrise we would be aroused by shots being fired in the streets. One night there was quite a sharp fusillade in the vicinity of my house. So I was the shooting that an occasional piece of lead would tear a hole through the mud wall of my room. Sleep became impossible, and so I dressed and sat outside to the scene of the trouble. About the middle of the night, myself, and a few other Europeans, made up a temporary police patrol, and found that the disturbance was merely a case of common burglary. We were too late to arrest any of the desperadoes. The house had been entirely looted. All the occupants had escaped before the miscreants had attacked it, with the exception of an old woman who was too old to get away. The robbers had fearfully maltreated the old creature. In compelling her to disclose the whereabouts of the valuables of the house they had threatened to kill her, and at each threat had pricked her body with the points of her knives. Her skin was punctured several places, and was giving her much suffering. The wretched old lady was wringing her hands and crying piteously. What could we do for the poor old dame to protect those wounds from the irritating dust and dirt? Bandages were of no use, for the cuts were so small.

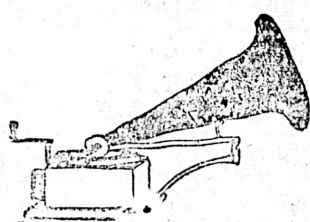
A happy thought struck us. We searched our pocket books for postage stamps, and in a few moments her old and faded face was covered with sufficient postage to frank her from Mandalay to the coast. We eventually left the poor old creature quietly contemplating her new attire; and soon, drying in her tears, she became the smiling centre of an admiring circle of friends and relatives.

Next article of this series: "TWICE WRECKED."

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## Miscellaneous Siftings and Comments.

—T. H. TWISS.

### WHILE THE SHEPHERDS WATCHED.

WHILE the shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
All seated on the ground,  
The Angel of the Lord came down,  
And glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he, "for mighty dread  
Has seized the troubled mind—  
'Ghosts' are not forth to bring  
To you and all mankind.

"To you, in David's town this day,  
Of birth, of David's line,  
A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord,  
And this shall be the sign:

"The heavenly Babe you there shall find  
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,  
And in a manger laid."

Thus spake the Seraph, and forthwith,  
Appeared a shining throng  
Of Angels praising God, who thus  
Addressed their joyful song:

"All glory be to God on high,  
And to the earth be peace;  
Good-will henceforth, from heaven to men,  
Begin and never cease."

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Painters, Monday, 8 p.m.  
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Boilermakers, Tuesday, 8 p.m.  
Shipwrights, Thursday, 8 p.m.

Another Christmas will have come and gone before next Sunday. From outward things people seem to approach nearer their better selves on Christmas than on any other day of the year. Custom has established a truce, more or less genuine, between men, and they exchange good wishes for one another. Gifts are put forth to make miserable people grateful, children happy, and indigents cheerful. Then the morrow comes and people go back to their usual manner self, the anniversary of the birth of the founder of Christianity being no more observed by the partial application of His doctrines. Human selfishness has not lessened during the last two thousand years—men are at war with each other as they were then; the rich still oppress the poor as they did under Caesar Augustus, and "on earth peace, good-will toward men" is as little met with as when the angel brought the glad tidings of the birth of Christ to the shepherds.

Although many millions of people accept the teachings of Christ the signs of the times do not foreshow when these teachings will be applied in every-day life and the brotherhood of man established. Many that Christian of A. D. 103 had been only sleeping, and on Christmas day was awakened by the salaried church choir of a rich and cultured congregation singing carols. His first impression would be—after surveying the grandeur of the church and the soundings—that during his nap the kingdom of heaven had been established on earth. Passing to another scene—the slums of a mighty city—his second impression would be that heaven and hell were in a far apart. He would be curious, he would see a man, and in less time than it takes to get a divorce in the United States—six in five minutes is the record—he would figure the whole thing out. Changed—everything has changed—the same as it was a hundred years ago—grasping, selfish and hard.

Since the globe began to move on its axis the classes have ruled the masses and the masses have had to struggle for existence, even as today. Out of the present movement to improve the condition of the masses—the toilers—something better may come, and come sooner than we wot of. Let us hope the struggle will end in justice being done to all.

Those persons fortunate enough to own Standard Oil stock received a handsome Christmas present the other day in the shape of a check for \$12,000,000, representing the fourth and last quarterly dividend of the year. The dividend disbursed amounts to \$12 per share, which is an increase of \$2 over the dividend declared at the time last year. This brings the total dividends for the year to 44 per cent, or \$44,000,000 in dividends for the full year.

John D. Rockefeller is credited with owning 23 per cent of the stock of the Standard Oil Company, and his receipts from the earnings of the corporation during the current year appear to be approximately \$15,000,000.

Since January 1, 1897, the Standard Oil Company has paid to stockholders more than \$275,000,000 in dividends, of that amount John D. Rockefeller has received more than \$90,000,000. Since 1891 the disbursements of the company run close to \$375,000,000, or nearly four times greater than the \$100,000,000 capital stock.

A fair idea of the magnitude of the dividends of the Standard Oil Company may be obtained from the fact that the Pennsylvania Railway Company within the last fifty-seven years has paid something like \$215,000,000 to stockholders, or \$60,000,000 less than the stockholders of the Standard Oil corporation has received in six years.

The Dominion government allows its disgraceful fake Alien Labor Act to have a place on the statutes of this country. The law should be amended to make it workable and useful, or it should be wiped out entirely.

The following despatch from Hamilton to a Liberal paper shows the utter uselessness of the measure. "The uneducated foreigners, who are taking the places of Canadians, do not come under the Act. Only a naturalized American, or an American-born of American parents, can be deported under the Canadian Act. The despatch reads: 'The people of Hamilton are not half so proud of the big new works of the International Harvester Company, at the east end of the city, as they were a few days ago. Laborers who worked in the grey iron and moulding shops say they have been disgraced to make room for gangs of Greeks, Italians and other foreigners who are being brought in from Chicago and other American cities, where the concern has been laying off hands right and left, on account of the recent amalgamation. In the two past years the concern has discharged more than a hundred and fifty men from its ranks. Other aliens are said to be on the way to the city. The local men were getting 15 cents an hour, and the men imported receive only 12 1/2 cents. All these disgraced men are Hamilton men, with wives and families. Some of them have been buying homes for themselves near the works, and their discharges come as a cruel blow.'

The Italian government has gradually established a system of industrial schools so that one is to be found in every village that can boast of having an industry of any kind.

In the British House of Commons there are five labor representatives. It is expected to increase the number to thirty-five at the next general elections.

There are three French to one English-speaking worker in Montreal, but the proportion of French trade unionists to English is six to one.

Not a single Socialist mayor was elected in any of the nineteen cities of the State of Massachusetts, although nearly all had Socialist candidates. The Socialist vote was reduced twenty-five per cent.

A new district has been organized among the United Mine Workers of America, which makes the twenty-second district in the organization. The new district is at present composed of members in British Columbia, but will be extended to the province of Alberta.

The International Machinists' union will issue a union stamp at an early date.

The town of Edmonton is applying for a charter as a city, and at the annual meeting of the citizens and the council the outlines of a charter were discussed. The Edmonton Evening Journal, referring to the proposals of this new metropolis in regard to taxation, says: "Touching the matter of taxation and assessment the mayor stated that it was proposed that the land be taxed according to location, and the buildings be not assessed as at present, which is unfair to the ratepayer who improves his property, thus enhancing the value of the adjoining land. The mayor also stated that the town of Regina, in its views on this proposal, and the premier had heartily endorsed it. The principle was now working in all the school districts, and the new Municipal Bill embodied it."

The following advertisement from a Victoria paper is going the rounds of the Old Country press: "If the person who took my transit box from the corner of Blanchard and Pandora streets while I was working there does not return the same to the City Engineer's office at once, I will make it pretty warm for him when it is discovered who took it." P. A. DEVEREUX.

A London evening paper ad reads: "News wanted of Jeanie Hogan or Sneddon, widow of late William Sneddon. Last heard of at Hong Kong, Nainam, B. C., Canada. Joseph Miller inquires."

In our opinion there is nothing particularly noble in the tradition, if it is a tradition, which requires that a shipmaster must commit suicide after he has done everything possible to save his ship, crew and passengers. On the contrary, we have always thought that the shipmaster might render valuable service to his country by saving his ship by saving himself and rendering testimony at the inquiry; testimony which no one else is deemed capable of giving—Coast Seamen's Journal.

The Erie railroad has decided to engage no employee over thirty-five years of age, and to retain no one who has reached that age without having secured a promotion. The supposition is that anyone seeking employment at the age of thirty-five, or having made no advancement by that time is a failure. The aged minister who totters over the "dead-line" at forty-five has the consolation of knowing that many a true fellow traveler this way before.

At a recent convention of the Garment Makers' association, held in Chicago, it was decided to raise the price of the fat man's garments.

American newspapers every year pay in wages \$80,000,000 and receive \$80,000,000 for subscriptions and \$85,000,000 for advertisements.

The strike of the Ironmoulders of Spokane, inaugurated May 1, has been settled through a compromise.

United States Consul Baker, at Sydney, Australia, in a special report on labor in New South Wales, says that the length of the day's work has been fixed at eight hours and a minimum wage at \$1.70 a day for common laborers, with holidays at the employer's expense, and the state and banks and factories give preference to union men.

One-twelfth of the estimated wealth of the United States is represented at the meeting of the board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation, when all the directors are present. They also represent 200 other companies, operating one-half of the railroad mileage in the country, and control corporations whose aggregate capitalization is \$90,000,000.

The opinion that the Y.M.C.A. is not a good medium for the saving of souls was voiced by Rev. J. J. Patterson, a Presbyterian minister at their meeting here today, says a Cincinnati despatch. Rev. Mr. Halliday stated that in his former home, Zanesville, O., men who had sent there as secretaries were not even honest, and that under the aegis of the Y.M.C.A. building he heard more profane language than he ever heard on the street.

Dr. Walker advocated taking care of the sick socially. "Have them in your homes," he declared, "and give them Christian sympathy."

Dr. Eldridge smiled and said: "Yes, and you'll have to watch your silver, too."

Convicted in the criminal court at Kansas City, Mo., on the charge of embezzling \$5,679 from the National Brotherhood of Leather Workers, Charles E. Conine, its secretary-treasurer, has been sentenced to the penitentiary for two and a half years.

Statistics show that nearly all of the per capita tax and other money paid into the fund unions is returned to the members. The American Federation of Labor organizations pay into their treasuries on an average the sum of \$15 each annually. To raise this amount an increase in wages of 5 cents a month. We have made a persistent fight against the unfair Los Angeles Times, and we have made substantial progress. The establishment of a Hearst paper in Los Angeles, as one of the results of our contest with the Times, gives renewed assurance of victory, and will be received with enthusiasm by our membership.—Jas. M. Lynch, President of Typographical Union.

"The Wage Earner" is the name of a labor paper to be published in Montreal at an early date.

Temperance fanatics say that the sobriety of persons may be judged by asking them to say, "Fish Sauce Shop," or "Selfish Sellers and Selfish."

When a conversation did not please the late Herbert Spencer, he caused artificial deafness by placing a couple of little plugs in his ears.

In the recent Seattle election for the school board the Socialist candidates polled 16 per cent of the ballot cast.

John Burns, in a letter recently written to the Chicago Federation of Labor, has this to say: "It is not true that trade unions have killed industrial England as ignorantly, wickedly and solidly as asserted by Mr. J. H. Hill, an American railroad boss. On the contrary they have contributed to England's wealth by regimenting the workmen, specializing their powers, concentrating their productivity and largely as a result made Britain the workshop of the world. They have been active factors in making the enormous wealth of this country, and are daily assisting in its more equitable and wider distribution by higher wages and shorter hours. Their collective thrift and co-operative benevolence has relieved much distress and pioneered humanitarian projects, the burdens of which the rich should have carried, and under union guidance the ameliorative efforts of trade unions in America, if wisely and similarly directed, may avert a physical force revolution if they extend rapidly and are helped by a free and non-plutocratic press."

London produces ten lunatics per day; New York nearly as many, with greater proportionate increase.

Just Received, another consignment

**Walnut Hair Coloring**

The most reliable Hair Coloring known, at Mrs. Kosech's, Hair Dressing Parlor, 55 Douglas St.

**Marine Iron Works**

ANDREW GRAY, PROP.  
PATENT ATTORNEY, NEW MACHINES  
Designed and perfected. A specialty.  
WORKS, PEMBRIDGE STREET.  
Opposite Gas Works.  
Telephone 631. Res. Tel. 100.  
Victoria, B. C.

**Canton Bazaar**

J. & E. WONG CO.  
Christmas Goods just arrived. Hand made Chinese Silk Goods, Dressing Sashes and Curls.  
Ladies Underwear made to order.  
100 Government St. Victoria, B. C.  
Prices very reasonable.

**WAH LUN,**  
Chinese and Japanese Silk Goods  
Manufacturer of  
Ladies' Silk and Cotton Underwear  
31 Store Street, Victoria, B. C.

**COAL! COAL! COAL!**

**BEST HOUSEHOLD COAL.**  
**KINGHAM & CO.,**  
Telephone 647. 34 Broad St.

**PRIVATE SCHOOL**

**PRIVATE TUITION**

Dr. S. D. Pope will establish a Private School in the north end of the city, at an early date in January, 1904.  
The course of study will be the same as that prescribed for the Public Schools.  
Arrangements can be made for private tuition.  
For terms, etc., address 78 Rock Bay avenue.

**CORDWOOD AND STOVEWOOD**

Truck, Dray and General Teaming Done.  
J. E. PAINTER.  
Office, 21 Commercial Street.  
Residence, 17 Pine Street, Victoria West.  
Telephone 429.

**HOLLY!**

Good Berried Holly for Shipping.  
—AT—  
**JAY & CO.,**  
13 Broad Street. Near Fort.

**NOTICE.**

Tenders will be received up to the 28th December, 1903, for the purchase of:  
(1) Stock-in-trade and good will of store and saloon business lately carried on by J. T. Porter at Cobble Hill.  
(2) Hotel, store, etc., and property at Cobble Hill, lately occupied by J. T. Porter.  
(3) Timber lands, Lot 10, Helmeck District, now known as 37 Malahat District containing 220 acres more or less.  
Full particulars of above on application to Messrs Robertson & Robertson, Solicitors, Victoria, B. C., or the undersigned.  
The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.  
ALICE M. PORTER,  
Executrix of the Estate of J. T. Porter, Cobble Hill, B. C.

**SHERIFF'S SALE.**

Under and by virtue of the undermentioned warrant of execution and writ of fieri facias, to me directed, I have seized and will offer the same, or a sufficient portion thereof, for sale at public auction in the Court House, on Wednesday next, Dec. 23rd, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, all the shares standing in the name of Hugo Grievé on the books of the Roberts-Kitchener Mines, Limited, located on Mount Richards near Mount Slicker, Vancouver Island, B. C.  
Warrant of execution issued out of the County Court at Vancouver in an action, Marion Patterson v. Hugo Grievé, for the sum of \$152.92 and costs.  
Writ of fieri facias issued out of the County Court at Victoria in an action, Turner, Repton & Company, Ltd., v. Hugo Grievé, for the sum of \$48.48 and costs.  
Particulars of the Roberts-Kitchener Mines, Limited, can be obtained from the secretary of the company at the city's office, No. 18 Trousseau avenue, Victoria, B. C.  
F. G. RICHARDS,  
Sheriff for the County of Victoria.  
Dec. 18th, 1903.

**TO THE ELECTORS OF SOUTH WARD.**

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce that I will be a candidate at the coming election for the office of Alderman for the ensuing year, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence at the coming election.

JAMES A. DOUGLAS.  
Fairfield road.

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

The report that has been circulated in the city that J. E. Church is giving up the collecting business is untrue. If you have any accounts to collect send them in and we will use our best endeavors to collect the same.

J. E. CHURCH.

**MONEY-LOAN**  
—IN—  
**TOWN OR COUNTRY.**

On furniture, pianos, organs, horses, carriages, farm implements, wagons and live stock. Payments monthly. Address **BRITISH LOAN COMPANY.**  
Box 297, City.

**STOCK AND GRAIN BROKER**  
**F. W. STEVENSON**

Orders executed for Purchase and Sale of New York Stocks and Grain for cash or on margin.  
PHONE 362. NO. 21 BROAD ST.

**Amusements**

**THE ORPHEUM**

Programme for The Orpheum Theatre for Week of Dec. 14th.  
JOHN COBURN  
With His Troupe of Trained Doves.  
Illustrated Song  
CARL R. HUBBL.  
"When We Were Little Boys."  
THE GREAT 24  
Comedy Sketch Artists.  
At night and Wednesday matinee only.  
THE RYERSONS  
The Great Hypnotists.  
A long list of new Moving Pictures.

**EDISON THEATRE**

Erickson & Ely, Props.

Special Bill of Attractions This Week.  
GARDNER, WEST AND SUNSHINE  
Singing, Dancing and Comedy Trio, introducing the only Cuban Pickaninny on the stage today, "Sunshine."  
MISS BELLE WILLIAMS—Up to Date Coon Shouter.  
LEONARD AND DRAKE—In the immensely comic sketch "The Girl and The Geese."  
The most novel and up-to-date Moving Pictures, produced by our expert operator, Mr. Forest J. Helm.

**SANTA CLAUS** has arrived with presents for all the children attending the matinees

**VICTORIA THEATRE**

Three Nights, Beginning Monday, Dec. 21.  
Mr. Frederic Belasco Presents  
**FLORENCE ROBERTS**  
Monday—"THE FRISKY MRS. JOHNSON," by Clyde Fitch.  
Tuesday—"THE UNWELCOMED MRS. HATCH," by Mrs. Burton.  
Wednesday—"PEGGY THIRIFT," The Country Girl.  
A Comedy. Augustin Daly's Version.  
Seats now on sale at Box Office of the theatre. Prices \$1.00, 75c. and 50c.

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**

Private Bills Notice.

The time limited by the Rules of the House for receiving Petitions for Private Bills will expire on the seventh day of December, 1903.  
Bills must be presented to the House not later than the 17th day of December, 1903.  
Reports from Committees on Private Bills will not be received after the 24th day of December, 1903.

Dated this 25th day of September, 1903.

**THORNTON FELL,**  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company within the tract of land bounded on the south by the southern boundary of Comox District, on the east by the Straits of Georgia, on the north by the 30th parallel, and on the west by the boundary of the E. & N. Railway land grant.

**LEONARD H. SOLLY,**  
Land Commissioner.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Board of Licensing Commissioners at its next sitting by the undersigned, Charles Robert Johnston and E. Harris, for a transfer of the License for the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors by retail at the Horseshoe Saloon, 53 Government street, in the city of Victoria, to us, the undersigned, Walter Arthur Millington and Frederick Leslie Wolfenden of the same city.

**CHARLES ROBERT JOHNSTON,**  
**EDWARD HARRIS,**  
**WALTER ARTHUR MILLINGTON,**  
**FREDERICK LESLIE WOLFENDEN.**  
Dated this 30th day of November, 1903.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS.**

In the Matter of the Estate of William Dodds, late of 207 Fort Street, Victoria, B. C., Florist, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act," that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said William Dodds, who died on the 4th day of November, 1903, are requested on or before the 21st day of December, 1903, to send by post or deliver to the undersigned solicitor for Ernest Miller Haynes, the executor of the last will of the deceased, to whom probate was granted by the Supreme Court of British Columbia, on the 19th day of November, 1903, their addresses and descriptions, with full particulars of their claims, the statements of their accounts, and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them.

And notice is further given, that after said date the said executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the claims of which he then shall have notice, and the said executor will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by him at the time of said distribution.

**ALAN S. DUMBLETON,**  
Victoria, B. C., Solicitor for the Executor.  
Dated this 20th day of November, 1903.

**FOR SALE**

Two lots running from Rae street to Churchway; one half cash, balance on mortgage to the City of Victoria.  
Foul Bay road, lot 19, near Cadboro Bay road, one-half cash, balance on mortgage.

**S. PERRY MILLS.**

**RIPANS**

**RIPANS Tabules**  
Doctors find  
A good prescription  
For mankind.

The Ripan packet is enough for an ordinary case of indigestion. Each bottle (price 60 cents) contains a supply for a year.

## CONTRACTORS

Chen Deb and Chen Fann, Chinese's Station, Contractors for all kinds of Chinese labor.

**The Duncan's Grocery Store**

**SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE.**

WANTED.—By farmer, retiring to town for family reasons, occupation of any description. Good education; speaks German. Two years' experience in wholesale trade. Good local references. Apply C. S. D., Box 349, Victoria. d10

WANTED.—Situation by Japanese boy as cook or general housework. 8 Fisgard street. d18

**SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE.**

WANTED.—Two days work per week. Address Mrs. Clark, 81 Humboldt St. d10

REQUIRED work by the day in any capacity, or nurse to an invalid. Cheerful and obliging. Deita, 1 Richardson St. d18

LADY WANTS housekeeper's position or place of trust. Refined, thoroughly reliable, best references. Apply H. W. L., this office. d13

WANTED—MALE HELP.

WANTED—Bell boy. Apply at the Dominion hotel. d19

WANTED IMMEDIATELY.—Two first class general blacksmiths. Good wages and steady work. Apply Nanaimo Steam Carriage Works. Stanley Clark, mgr. d10

WANTED—FEMALE HELP.

WANTED—Waitress. Apply at the Dominion hotel. d19

REQUIRED.—An experienced nursemaid for baby five months old. Good wages. (City.) 1 Richardson street. d10

WANTED.—Mother's general assistant or nursery governess, for Victoria West. Good wages. 1 Richardson street. d10

WANTED.—A lady requires mother's help, and to take part of care of children; good home. (City.) 1 Richardson St. d19

WANTED.—General servant; 6 Superior street. d19

WANTED.—An experienced, useful nurse; good wages. References required. 1 Richardson street, from 10 to 12 o'clock. d10

WANTED.—A house and parlor maid, experienced. References required. 1 Richardson street, from 10 to 12. d15

WANTED.—For the country, a thoroughly good indoor servant for housework, and must be a good cook. Apply 1 Richardson street, from 10 to 12. d12

WANTED.—Competent nurse; also laundry maid for upper country. Address Com. fort, Colonist office. d19

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

FOR SALE—Light express wagon. Apply 170 Douglas street. d11

GENTS' CLOTHES CLEANED, pressed, repaired or altered at shortest notice, at 135 Yates street, opposite Dominion Hotel. All work guaranteed. James Dupen. d19

APPLE TREES—10,000 splendid trees. Catalogue free. Mt. Tolmie Nursery. Established 1880. Victoria, B. C. d19

FOR RENT—Cigar stand. Spaces for cigar stand; good location. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. d25

CHIMNEYS SWEEPED from 50c. Smoky chimneys cured. No mess; 4 Broughton street. d20

WANTED—Miscellaneous.

WANTED.—Sloop about thirty feet long. J. S. care of Young, New England, Victoria. d19

WANTED FOR CASH.—Two matured shares in Dominion Co-operative Association. State terms, to "Alex," Colonist office. d19

WANTED.—Second hand typewriter; must be cheap for cash. Apply Room 31 Board of Trade Building. d19

WE WOULD LIKE to see a copy of The Advertising World into the hands of every person who keeps any kind of a store. We have your address—The Advertising World, Columbia, Ohio. d22

**EDUCATIONAL.**

SHORTHAND SCHOOL—15 Broad street. Bookkeeping thoroughly taught; also shorthand and typewriting. F. A. Macmillan, Principal. d4

PROF. E. G. WICKENS has removed from 15 Bellot street, to 97 Fort street (opp. Philharmonic Hall) where he receives pupils for voice, piano, violin, harp, harmony and counterpoint. A few vacancies left. d15

**POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK.**

FOR SALE—10 Buff Leghorns yearling hens; \$8.00; 12 Buff Leghorn May pullets; \$10.00; 12 mixed May pullets, \$8.00. Mrs. Dyne, Saturna P. O. d17

**PERSONALS.**

To C. P. M.—Will you communicate openly with J. A. D., who will pay well for information which will procure resolution? d15

**DRESSMAKING.**

DRESSES MADE from \$4.00; blouses, 75c.; also children's dresses made at moderate prices. First class work guaranteed. Miss Kirkwood, 67 Kane street. d17

**FOR SALE—FARM LANDS.**

FOR SALE—500 acre ranch; 250 acres under cultivation; 100 head stock; new buildings worth \$3,000; well furnished house; 180 tons of hay in barns; 6 miles from branch line of C. P. R., near Enderby. All necessary farming implements. Terms on writing Ranch, Colonist office. d10

FOR SALE—\$1,000.—Ten acres, four miles from post office; seven acres under cultivation, small house. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. d19

FOR SALE OR TO LEASE—Swan Lake Farm, 103 acres, more or less, 2 1/2 miles from city. For further particulars, apply to James W. Meldrum, agent for heirs. d28

FOR SALE—Farm of 300 acres, 100 acres under cultivation, small farm buildings, good house, barns, etc. Can arrange to buy live stock and implements. Large Cattle run. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. d28

FOR SALE—320 acres, 3 1/2 miles from railway station; 35 acres under cultivation; good house, barns, etc. Can arrange to buy live stock, implements, etc. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. d27

OKANAGAN DISTRICT.—A number of 1/2 farms, \$3,500 upwards. Call for a list. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. d28

NICOLA.—Large farms for sale in this district. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. d28

## TO RENT—ROOM AND BOARD.

TO LET—Furnished front room, private family; \$6 per month; board if desired. R. E., Colonist office. d18

TO LET—Sunny front room with board. 45 Menzies, near Drill Hall. d18

TO LET—Two nice furnished front rooms for gentlemen in private family; two bedrooms from Parliament Buildings. Apply "Omega," Colonist office. d18

TO LET—Housekeeping rooms, bath, electric light. Newly furnished. The Strand, 40 Johnson street. d15

TO LET—Nicely furnished rooms, single or en suite. 170 Johnson street. d22

## TO RENT—RESIDENCES.

TO RENT—Furnished house, nine rooms. All modern conveniences. Everything new. Address "F," Colonist. d19





# JUDITH'S JOURNAL.

"Sing of the nature of women and then the song shall be surely full of variety, old crochets, and most sweet choices. It shall be humorous, grave, fantastic, amorous, melancholy, sprightly, one in all and all in one."

—MAURSTON.

The elements are coquetting with us again, first blue, then grey, then for a moment blue again, and skies are constant query.

Just by way of being "contrary," Nature is donning an almost spring-like mantle, when, by every law of harmony, the air should be crisp, and sprinkling with frost, for the gay florists' windows show masses of red holly and sentimental mistletoe, the insignia of a universal festivity, and the region of splendour is besieged from morning to night with an endless stream of people intent on the important business of choosing-Christmas presents.

How is it that one never seems to begin the Christmas preparations in time enough?

Now I have the unfortunate habit of putting off my shopping—like repentance—to a convenient season, and this invariably means a fearful and frantic rush all through the last two days before Xmas up to the 11th hour and 59th second.

Not so, however, with Elizabeth, my eminently proper and practical relative. Away back as far as July or August you might happen upon a fat little note-book tucked away in the corner of her secretary, and a peep between the leaves would discover us all transcribed therein, friends and relatives, complete up to date, with many of our pet wants and wishes marked down in the most methodical and business-like way.

This system is one of Elizabeth's most cherished economies. She begins early, buying one thing at a time, now and then, and the money is scarcely missed, and certainly does not make the burden on her purse that expending one big lump sum at Christmas would. Another nice thing about the system is that it gives her plenty of time during the few weeks before Christmas to arrange for festivities and write the innumerable letters and pretty little notes of greeting that most of us have it in our hearts to express, but which seldom materializes for want of time.

Madame Elizabeth's Christmas dinner, at which there is always a great "gathering of the clans," has, of course, been carefully thought out and planned long ere this. She gave me one of the menu cards last night, and really, some of the quotations are so apt that I must jot them down here for ready reference, for it is by no means easy to pick out at a moment's notice, a line or two of poetry apropos—for instance, of plum pudding:

**OYSTERS ON THE HALF SHELL.**  
"The world's mine oyster, which I with sword will open."—The Merry Wives of Windsor.

**THE SOUP.**  
"I smell it! Upon my life it will do well."—Henry IV., I, 3.

**FISH.**  
"Tis very fresh and sweet, sir. The fish was taken but this night."—Bacon and Fletcher.

**ENTREE.**  
"A general savour of certain stews and roast meats and plums."—Don Juan.

**THE TURKEY.**  
"Let's carve him as a dish fit for the gods, not hew him as a capon."—Julius Cæsar.

**SALAD.**  
"Let onion atoms lurk within the bowl, And half suspected animate the whole."

**PLUM PUDDING.**  
"Like a pale martyr in his shirt of fire."—A Life's Drama.

**DESSERT.**  
"The dearest feast to make the end most sweet."—Richard III., I, 3.

**COFFEE.**  
"One sip of this will bathe drooping spirits in delight beyond the bliss of dreams."—Milton.

While on the subject of dinners at this season of good cheer one involuntarily thinks of toasts, and that reminds me, I must copy out a few particularly good ones before returning to a certain delightful little book of Aunt Maria's. The first especially pleases me:

**THE ARMY AND NAVY.**  
Both great in courage, conduct, and in fame,  
Yet neither envious of the other's praise,  
Their duty, faith, and interest, too, the same,  
Like mighty partners equally they raise.  
—Dryden.

**THE CLERGY.**  
That to believing souls  
Gives light in darkness, comfort in despair.—Henry VI., II, 1.

**LITERATURE.**  
A health to poets! All their days  
May they have bread as well as praise.  
—Parnell.

**THE LADIES.**  
Drink ye to her that each loves best!  
—Campbell.

Or this:  
Whose name refines coarse flesh,  
And makes prose song—John Donne.

Here's real pain to our sham friends,  
And champagne to our real friends.

Here's to woman, the fairest work in all creation. The edition is large and no man should be without a copy.

A charming surprise box came with Dorothy's weekly letter this morning. The dear girl is now in Paris pursuing what she is pleased to term her "Art career," spelled with a capital A. "This," by the way, is quite a harmless and pleasing delusion, patent even to her adoring relatives, just six months ago "the grannie" who is very old, very wise and a firm believer in the great, wide world as a liberal educator, sent pretty Dorothy's little craft aloft over the seas with staid Aunt Hetty, from Philadelphia, to supply the necessary ballast, and ever since "our foreign correspondent's" weekly budget has been a thing of joy, for Dorothy is nothing if not loquacious. In decidedly analytical mood today she writes "Art is almost the only real priesthood left

# NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT WOMEN

No event that has happened lately in the Royal family circle has pleased all its members more than the engagement of Princess Alice, of Albany, to Prince Alexander, of Teck.

Both the young people stand very high in the estimation of King Edward, and nothing appeals more than a love affair to Queen Alexandra. Her Majesty being a thorough woman in this and in every other respect. Those who enjoy her friendship declare that it is not possible to know Princess Alice without loving her. She is full of the joy of life, —so dainty—so pretty; yet she has a sense of responsibility, and is as naturally clever and accomplished as one would expect her to be, considering her parentage. She is as good a needlewoman as she is a linguist, and as gifted an artist as she is either. Ruskin has written her a letter, and she has not lowered her ideals. Prince Alexander is a good sportsman, good looking, perpetually cheerful and overwhelmingly popular. He fought and worked harder than nine out of every ten men who went through the South African war, and never declined the work that lay near to his hand, however humble it might be.

It is a curious fact that Queen Elena of Italy, should have been so little photographed. Apart altogether from her royal position, nine women out of ten, with a title of her attractiveness, would have been long since posed and pressed on the pages of different positions and "positions." But vanity does not evidently "enter in" with the charming Montenegrin. Only the photographers, so far, had the distinction of reproducing the Queen and these are both of the most beautiful of the world. Queen Elena is many-sided. In her girlhood, in Montenegro, she wrote poetry, did fine sewing and handled a gun with the best. Nowadays she studies the history of the world, and is often the sage counsellor of her husband. Her queenly duties are performed with dignity and grace, and she is the most devoted of mothers. Although not particularly fond of dress, Queen Elena always carries herself in excellent taste and is never behind the latest fashions.

Sarah Bernhardt's best loved home is on the island of Belle-Ile, off the coast of Brittany called the Maribian. The house is really an old fort, dating from 1750, and is situated on the most picturesque part of the coast where the waves are particularly turbulent, and thousands of ships have taken refuge in the harbor. The old place has been restored, painted white, and is now almost surrounded by modern buildings erected for use rather than beauty. A flag is kept hoisted when the queen of the fort is in residence. Madame Bernhardt is the idol of the sturdy fisher-folk of Belle-Ile, and she frequently entertains parties of her Parisian friends in her lonely island stronghold. It is whispered that she declines to lead a more active life, and the precipitous paths round her home, and as she is fleet of foot and absolutely fearless, her companions usually arrive back at the fort in a state of perspiration, exhaustion, and with a resolute determination never again to venture so far afield with their fair hostess.

Of the many brilliant and wealthy American women who have made England their home in consequence of their marriage to titled Englishmen, two, Lady Stafford, stand out as being particularly interesting because their separate careers bear a quite extraordinary similarity. Lady Stafford, Duchess of Malborough, began life as Miss Lillian Price, the daughter of a distinguished, but by no means wealthy, American naval officer. In earliest youth she became the wife of a New York millionaire, Mr. Hammer, and it was as his widow that she went to Europe and met the late Duke of Malborough, and shortly after Anglo-American society was electrified by the news of their marriage. The new Duchess filled a difficult position with consummate tact and sense. She became much esteemed and respected by the whole Churchill family, and accordingly when she was left a widow a second time, she elected to continue living in her adopted country. Three years later she became a wife for a third time, and it may be said without fear of contradiction, that her third choice was by far the most distinguished. Colonel Lord William Beresford was famed, as a sportsman, as a man of the world, and as a thoroughbred, in low wherever the English language is spoken.

The Duchess chose to keep her superior title, and she and Lord "Bill" Beresford, as he was always called by his friends, set up their household under "The Deerpence," one of the loveliest of the stately homes of England. Many and warm were the congratulations showered on the popular pair when they became the parents of a little son. Then with tragic suddenness came the illness and death of Lord William Beresford. Since that sad event the Duchess has lived very quietly, devoting herself wholly to her child, and becoming more and more loved and respected in the neighborhood of her country home.

Cora, Lady Stafford, was Miss Cora Smith, of New York, when she was wooed and won by the late Mr. Samuel Colgate, the clever American, who was, in his day, what "Pears" is now to Great Britain. On becoming a widow, Mrs. Colgate went to England, and soon made a considerable place for herself in cosmopolitan society, for she was clever, good looking and charming. Among those who much admired the fair American was Lord Stafford, one of Queen Victoria's most trusted friends and servants, a valuable member of the Royal household, and a widower, his wife having died many years before. His engagement to Mrs. Colgate accordingly aroused much interest in the great world. Among those who seriously congratulated him on his second choice being the late sovereign. After a year of happy married life the union of Lord and Lady Stafford was cut tragically short by the former's death, from an accident. This took place five years ago, and quite recently the widow's engagement to Mr. Kennard, who has been for many years one of the most cheery and most in request men about town was announced.

When circumstances do not permit of a tree, an easy way to make a little Christmas happy is to heap all their Christmas gifts in front of an empty fireplace, so as to give them the appearance of having been hastily dumped down the chimney. On top of all place a note of thanks, and on the mantelpiece, if possible, hang a small book or card, so that he who is so busy that he found it impossible to leave his sleigh and come down into the house with his presents. The novelty of it all will be sure to delight the children.

Another simple way to amuse the children on Christmas day is to tell them that they may have their gifts only by going to the North Pole for them. At first they will be greatly mystified, but let their search be rewarded by their finding in one room a huge nest wrapped in cotton batting, with diamond dust sprinkled over it, looks being driven into the post in order that the gifts may be hung upon it.

A surprise packet makes a delightful gift for an invalid. Make a jacket in any style you prefer with many pockets. In one place a handkerchief, in the other some "Comfort Powders," which are witty sayings wrapped up like powder. In another pocket wrap a small pencil, a small book or any pretty trifle. The recipient of this novel house jacket will feel as happy as a little Jack Horner with his Christmas pie.

Old people are the most difficult to find presents for, but there are any number of nice things they would welcome besides spectacle cases. A good, cosy chair hassock makes a great comfort, as does a reading glass, book-holder, or pocket magnifier. Grandmother would surely appreciate a pretty chateleine case for her spectacles, or an elegant book in some unique design, and a dainty vinaigrette, filled with fragrant aromatic scents could not fail to please her. Then there are cups, and all the pretty, fluffy knick arrangements so becoming to old ladies, that can either be bought in the shops, or fashioned at home by clever fingers. Peleries and shoulder capes for indoor wear on chilly days make charming gifts, and so do any of the small, soft shawls, either in shetland or ice-wool. A knitting apron is sometimes a very acceptable gift for an old lady. It can be more or less the cotton turn up high enough to make a deep pocket. A good material is Sarah silk, as it is heavy and alike on both sides. It should be gathered by a ribbon long enough to tie around the waist at the top, then the hem of the bag must have a gathering ribbon, and in a narrow strip of the material should be run on or else a tuck made where the bag is fastened to the apron proper, and more ribbon run through the top into the bag and down up the ribbons and the work is snugly out of the way and safe from dust.

An inexpensive gift which will be fully appreciated by womanhood in general, is the glove-mender of Theodore Leschetzky by his sister-in-law, the Countess Potocka, will make a delightful Christmas gift. This is a rare piece of biography; not only appeals to people interested in music, but to all who care for descriptions of life in Europe, in its courts and capitals. The book is beautifully illustrated.

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